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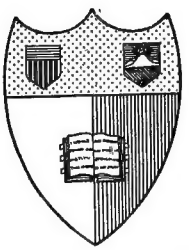

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Dear Sir and Brother—

I have carefully examined the History of Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., of Philadelphia, entitled "FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA," compiled from original sources by Brother NORRIS S. BARRATT, Past Master of Lodge No. 2, and Brother JULIUS F. SACHSE, Past Master of Lodge No. 91, and hereby authorize its publication.

This important work has been carefully done, and will be regarded as an invaluable contribution to the Masonic literature of this country.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE B. ORLADY,
Grand Master.

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PREFACE.

Lodge No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, has rounded out one hundred and fifty years of existence, and desiring to celebrate the event, the Worshipful Master, Brother Harry C. Gill, on December 19, 1904, appointed five past masters of the Lodge, viz:

Brothers Norris S. Barratt, Chairman, John Middleton, Edward C. Miller, John K. McCarthy and Harry Anderson, a Committee to prepare and report the history of the Lodge for the information of the brethren.

On February 4, 1905, the Committee organized with Brother Norris S. Barratt, Chairman, Brother Edward C. Miller, Secretary, and Brother Harry Anderson, Treasurer. Past Master Brother Edward C. Miller, a bright and enthusiastic Mason, died at his home at Bryn Mawr, on January 16, 1907, lamented by his brethren, and Past Master Brother William H. Shoemaker was appointed in his place. The Committee then commenced the examination of the Lodge records.

So many interesting and important facts not hitherto known in relation to Pennsylvania Masonry developed, that it at once became apparent that to properly perform the laborious work satisfactorily one member of the Committee should do it. The Chairman, Brother

Barratt, undertook the compilation, and associated with him Brother Julius F. Sachse, Litt. D., Past Master, of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, Librarian of the Grand Lodge Library.

The compilers found that the Masonic historian has never given a complete and accurate history of the beginnings of Freemasonry in the Province of Pennsylvania, nor of the preëminence of Philadelphia as the Mother City and of her efforts, influence and success in establishing the craft in this then far away portion of the British possessions. This we have endeavored to do from the records of Lodge No. 2.

The minutes of Lodge No. 2 and other early Lodges, especially those of the Grand Lodge, as well as the archives, had to be carefully studied. Much of this material, rich in historic interest, necessarily had to be discarded, but our effort has been to let the original papers and minutes tell their own story just exactly as it was written and originally spelled, which we deem the most thorough and satisfactory method, as it will enable the brethren for the first time to have all the facts before them about the early history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania as shown by the records of Lodge No. 2, and so full and complete they need look no further.

Lodge No. 2 possesses the following records:

Minute	book	Lodge	No.	4,	Moderns,	1757–1758.
"	"	"	"	1,	Ancients,	1759–1760.
"	"	"	"	2,	"	1761–1772.
"	"	"	"	2,	"	1772–1781.
"	"	"	"	2,	A. Y. M.,	1782–1787.
"	"	"	"	2,	"	1789–1801.

Minute book Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1801–1810.
Ledger Lodge No. 2, Moderns, 1749–1764.
" " " 2, Ancients, 1770–1782.

The early history of Lodge No. 2 is the history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. We have divided it into thirteen chapters, each showing a period:

1. Introduction—Freemasonry, 1727–1907.
2. Lodge No. 4, Moderns, 1757–1759.
3. Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., 1759–1760.
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12. Washington as General Grand Master.
13. Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1781–1786, Under the Provincial Grand Lodge.

This merely brings Lodge No. 2 to 1786. The one hundred and twenty-one years to be covered to record her history to 1907 will be published in Volume II, part of the manuscript of which is prepared. By it is shown many masonically important historical facts which are of profound interest to the craft, many of which are now set forth for the first time, among them that Pennsylvania is the cradle of American Freemasonry. The finding of a copy of "The Constitu-

tions of St. John's Lodge," by Brother Thomas Carmick, dated 1727, proves that St. John's Lodge was established several years prior to 1730. So we now know Freemasonry existed here at least three years before December 3, 1730, which has hitherto been the accepted date.

A résumé of early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is necessary in order to understand the relation to it of Lodge No. 2.

1727. Carmick's Constitutions of St. John's Lodge.

1730, June 5. Col. Daniel Coxe appointed Provincial Grand Master.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1731 was an independent Grand Lodge and the third oldest in the world. (Grand Lodge England, 1717—Grand Lodge Ireland, 1729.)

1730, July 4. Franklin's Journal shows Lodge of Masons at Bro. Hubbard's.

1731, June 23. Liber B, Treasurer's Book, St. John's Lodge.

1749, June 28. Earliest Minute Book—Tun Tavern Lodge. (No. 3 of the Moderns.)

1751. Great Masonic schism in England. Modern and Ancient York Masons—49 army warrants granted by Grand Lodge Ancients, 1746–1764.

1755. First Masonic Lodge House in America dedicated in Lodge Alley, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Moderns).

1757, June 24. Lodge No. 4, Moderns, warranted with Brother George Brooks Worshipful Master for seafaring men, artisans and tradesmen.

1758, June 7. Changed from Lodge No. 4, Moderns, to Ancients, and obtained charter No. 69 England and No. 1 in Pennsylvania, which after a short time the Lodge vacated and assumed No. 2 which it still holds, leaving No. 1 for a Provincial Grand Lodge which Lodge No. 2 was about to form. Our records show the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed by

our officers and members, and for a time Lodge No. 2 was actually the Grand Lodge of the Province of Pennsylvania.

The chronology of Lodge No. 2 stated briefly is:

Originally its members were members of Lodge No. 4 of the Moderns, 1757–1759. January 3, 1758, Petition of Brother John Blackwood, *et al.,* to Grand Lodge, Ancient York Masons, London, for a warrant. This petition was granted June 7, 1758, and a warrant for Lodge No. 1 in Pennsylvania was issued—No. 69 on English Register—and received in Philadelphia, January, 1759, and read in open Lodge No. 4, January 23, 1759. This warrant surrendered in 1780 and renewed by Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—Lodge No. 2 still works under renewed warrant dated June 24, 1789. After this Lodge No. 4 of the Moderns ceased to exist. No work was done until July, 1759, probably in order to close up the affairs of Lodge No. 4.

June 21, 1759, Blackwood's letter to London asking that a Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania be appointed.

February 13, 1760, Lodge No. 1, A. Y. M., elected William Ball Provincial Grand Master. This, according to Lawrence Dermott, the Grand Secretary, was issued in London, July 15, 1761, and handed to Brother Joseph Reed, who sent it to Philadelphia. The warrant was never received, as the ship bringing it over was captured by the French.

A most interesting fact is that when the Provincial Grand Lodge was warranted the membership of this august body was composed entirely of members of this Lodge which in the year 1760 assumed the number "2,"

so as to leave the other vacant for the Grand Lodge about to be formed.

April 8, 1760. Lodge divided harmoniously in two sections, having two sets of officers, except that there was but one treasurer for both—first section meeting first Tuesday and second section fourth Tuesday of every month.

December 30, 1763, a second warrant was issued in London appointing Brother William Ball Provincial Grand Master, but this never reached Pennsylvania. A third warrant was issued and received in Pennsylvania in 1765 and this date has been wrongly accepted as the date of the formation of the Grand Lodge, Ancient York Masons, when it should have been 1761, so our Grand Lodge is actually four years older than heretofore claimed.

February 2, 1764, Brother William Ball of Lodge No. 2 was installed as the first Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania. His first official act was to constitute the second section of Lodge No. 2 a separate and independent Lodge to be known as Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M., with Brother John McAuley as Worshipful Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge warranted Lodges as follows:

Lodge No. 4, Philadelphia, December 28, 1772.

Lodge No. 5, Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware, June 24, 1765.

Lodge No. 6, Georgetown on the Sassafras River, Eastern shore, Maryland, May 23, 1766.

Lodge No. 7, Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.

Lodge No. 8, Philadelphia Co., June 24, 1766.

Lodge No. 9, Lancaster, 1766, returned December 18, 1779.

Lodge No. 10, Baskinridge, N. J., 1768.
Lodge No. 11, Newtown, Bucks Co., Pa., August 17, 1768.
Lodge No. 12, Winchester, Va., October 4, 1768.
Lodge No. 13, Philadelphia, July 29, 1769.
Lodge No. 14, Christiana Ferry, Delaware, December 27, 1769.
Lodge No. 15, Fells Point, Md., January 28, 1770.
Lodge No. 16, Baltimore, Md., September 21, 1779.
Lodge No. 17, Chester Mills, Queen Anne Co., Md., September 16, 1773.
Lodge No. 18, Dover, Kent Co., Delaware.
Lodge No. 19, a Regimental Warrant for Penna. Artillery, May 18, 1779.

By a curious coincidence the date of the warranting of most if not all of these Lodges is synonymous with that of meetings of Lodge No. 2. So intimately was Lodge No. 2 connected with the Grand Lodge, that it is often difficult to know just what body the minutes allude to, as both bodies were frequently held upon the same night, when Lodge No. 2 was apt to close and the Grand Lodge open—all members of the Grand Lodge being or having been members of Lodge No. 2.

How close the connection between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate body was, is best illustrated by reference to the Minute Book of Lodge No. 2, viz:

"March 11, 1768. This Lodge closed and a Grand Lodge opened to do the business."

"August 11, 1768. N. B. This entry is a mistake, being the business of the Grand Lodge."

The officers of the Grand Lodge chosen in 1764 remained in their respective stations until 1770. In 1772,

however, for the first time brethren of any other Lodge than members of No. 2 appear to have held positions as Grand Officers. So from the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1761 to 1772, a period of ten years, all its officers, and most of its members, were members of Lodge No. 2.

No meetings were held, so far as the minutes show, between February 14, 1776, and October 15, 1776. Upon the latter date this explanation is recorded:

"The members attendant of this Lodge are extremely unhappy that the present contest (though in favor of liberty) hath rendered it impossible for them to give that attendance which they would willingly have given to this body. They however hope that the extreme necessity of the times will fully compensate for such deficiency conscious that Brother Masons are so sensible of the advantages of freedom as to accept the apology."

Lodge No. 2 held no meetings from July 21, 1777, until November 6, 1778, or during the British occupation of Philadelphia, being then called "rebels" and now "patriots" because some were in the army with Washington and others away from the city. The Lodge room was broken open by the British when they entered Philadelphia in September, 1777, and all the jewels, paraphernalia and books were stolen by them. Lodges Nos. 3 and 4, being loyal to King George, not only did meet during all this time, but also initiated many British officers and local loyalists.

Lodge No. 2 was evidently regarded as a nest of rebels by the British. The reason for their enmity against Lodge No. 2 is at once apparent when we learn

who the members of Lodge No. 2 were and the active part they were taking in the Revolution.

A partial list of members of Lodge No. 2 in 1775–1780 looks like a Muster Roll of the Revolutionary Army, as upon it we find—

Col. Blaithwaite Jones,
Col. Thomas Proctor,
Col. Isaac Melchoir,
Col. Allen McLane,
Col. Robert Campbell,
Col. John Parke,
Col. William Williams,
Col. William Butler,
Col. Richard Butler,
Col. George North,
Col. Thomas Jones,
Col. Francis Nichols,
Col. Thomas Smith,
Col. John Dougherty,
Col. David Espie,
Col. Hoffnagle,
Major Thomas Hogg,
Major Evan Edwards,
Major Jonathan Gostelowe,
Major Jacob Morris,
Major David Lennox,
Major William West,
Major Isaac Budd Dunn,
Major Edward Giles,
Major Laurence Keene,
Major Archibald Dick,
Capt. Gibbs Jones,
Capt. John Burrows,
Capt. James Josiah,
Capt. Edward Ledger,
Capt. John Redman,
Capt. John Harrison,
Capt. Robert Mullen,
Capt. Thomas Huston,
Capt. Joseph McCullough,
Capt. William Paul,
Capt. Joseph Price,
Capt. Daniel Broadhead,
Capt. Joseph Davis,
Capt. Wm. Keeler,
Capt. John Irwin,
Capt. Peter S. Duponceau,
Capt. William Bradford, Jr.
Capt. Peter Day,
Capt. Charles Jones,
Capt. John King,
Capt. Thomas Rice,
Capt. John Field,
Capt. Wm. McElhattan,
Capt. John Earl,
Capt. Jos. Falconer,
Capt. Henry Hilton,
Capt. Lambert Weeks,
Capt. James Anderson.

This roll of honor contains sixteen colonels, ten majors and twenty-eight captains, who all saw actual service and helped to obtain American independence.

There were doubtless others of our members who served as private soldiers to whom honor is due but whom we have not been able to designate.

We also had members serving in the navy, as the following minute indicates:

"October 17, 1776, Extra Lodge.

"The peculiar and singular situation of affairs having rendered it necessary that the gentlemen [Capt. Lambert Weeks and Capt. James Anderson] who made application and was entered on the former evening should be passed and raised sooner than the usual practice of affairs in our body required, the body took it under consideration and unanimously determined that they should be passed and raised sur emergency as they were going to sea in the service of this Continent."

This minute shows how a Mason and a soldier performed his duty in both positions.

"February 2, 1779, Extra Lodge in due form opened on Tuesday evening. W. Bro. Col. Thomas Proctor in the chair. After opening in E. A. Lodge requested leave to resign the chair on account of particular business respecting his regiment and Brother Melchoir was appointed to take the chair and our Brother Proctor excused."

The procession in Philadelphia on St. John's Day, December 28, 1778, by the Grand Lodge, Ancient York Masons, and the sermon at Christ Church by Brother Wm. Smith, D.D., being General Washington's first public appearance as a Mason and as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army then in the field and in Philadelphia to consult with Congress about the campaign, it naturally added greatly to the dignity and

importance of the occasion. It resulted in 1780 in his proposal as General Grand Master by Pennsylvania which was defeated by Massachusetts. This sermon was published for the benefit of the poor to purchase wood and other necessaries and dedicated to General Washington by order of the Brethren. The title page of this sermon and the dedication is reproduced in fac-simile.

Among the notable events in our history within these six years, 1781–1786, we have:

1. The publication of the Ahiman Rezon (an abridgement of the Book of Constitutions), 1781–1783, by Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., of Lodge No. 2.

2. The first organized effort for the relief of indigent and distressed Masons in March, 1783.

The nucleus of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, which now (1907) amounts to $84,495.80, was commenced in 1815. The earliest record of organized Masonic charity in Pennsylvania is found in the minutes of Lodge No. 2 on March 15, 1783. It contemplated a standing committee for each Lodge in Philadelphia to be styled "The Committee for the Relief of Distressed and Indigent Masons," who shall receive ten pence half penny out of every shilling the said treasurers shall have received for Lodge dues in the preceding month. This was signed by a Committee from Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 13 in Philadelphia.

3. The Declaration of Peace between England and America.

4. The establishment of a "Sublime" Lodge "Grand Elect and Perfect Masons" in Philadelphia, June 25, 1781. This date seems to be four years earlier than

heretofore claimed for the institution of the fourteenth degree.

5. The failure upon the part of the Grand Lodge and subordinates to raise money for the purchase of the Freemasons Lodge of the "Moderns" and its subsequent sale and demolition.

6. Lastly, the establishment of our Grand Lodge as an independent Masonic Grand Lodge.

Brother George B. Orlady, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, has not only gone carefully over the proofs as they came from the printer and after verification graciously approved them, which alone authorizes and permits their publication, but has at all times been ready to take up and consider any matter we had to submit to him. His great personal interest and valuable suggestions manifested in so many ways have been in a large measure responsible for the present scope of this compilation, as he at once recognized its importance to the craft, which is very much more than merely the history of a lodge but the history of Pennsylvania Masonry itself, and in expressing our deep obligations and fraternal thanks to Right Worshipful Grand Master Orlady we feel we should state that his hearty encouragement was an inspiration to the compilers in the progress of the work.

In offering this compilation for the benefit of Freemasonry in general and of Lodge No. 2 in particular, we do so with some fear of its possible shortcomings and imperfections from the magnitude of the work, although great care has been exercised to make it accurate. We will be amply rewarded for this labor of love if it enables the craft to better understand and

appreciate the interesting and instructive history in Pennsylvania of that great world-wide organization, the Masonic fraternity, which teaches the purest principles of honor and morality, as shown by the labors of our brethren, whose work proves to be plumb, level and square and who have now gone to their reward to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns.

Thomas S. Samatt.

Past Master of Lodge No. 2,
Chairman,

Julius F. Sachse

Past Master of Columbia Lodge No. 91,
Librarian,
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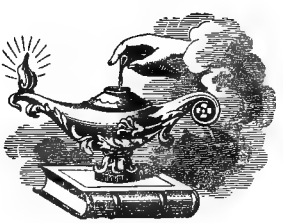

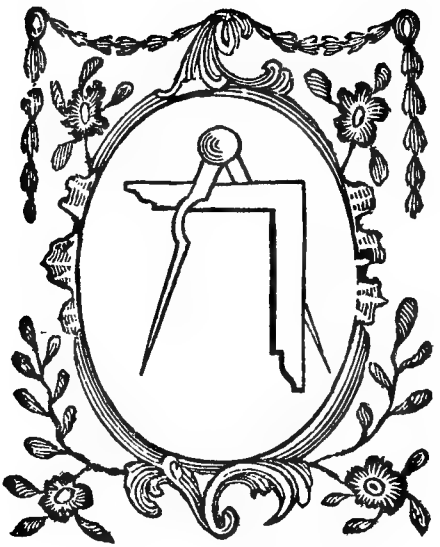

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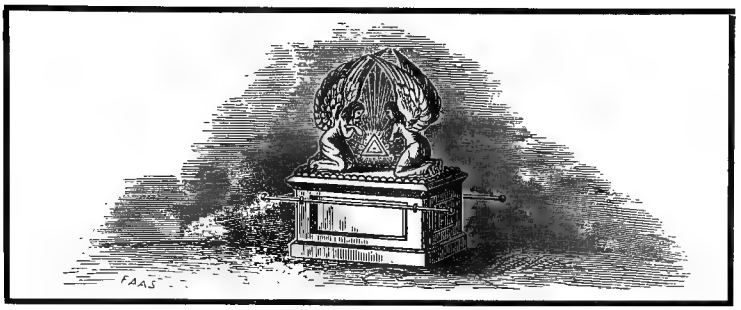

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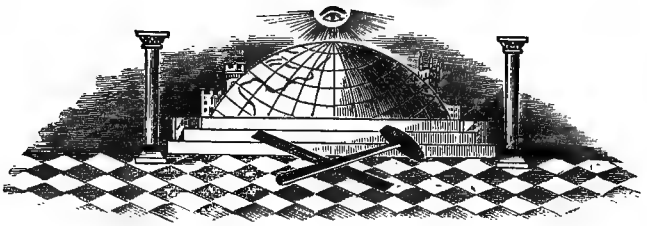

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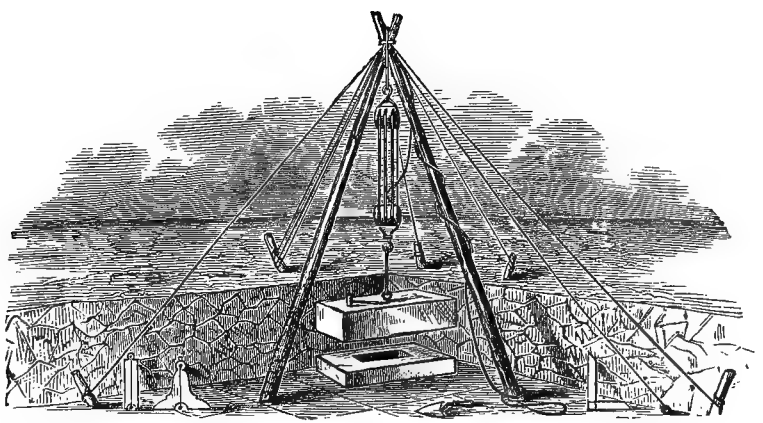

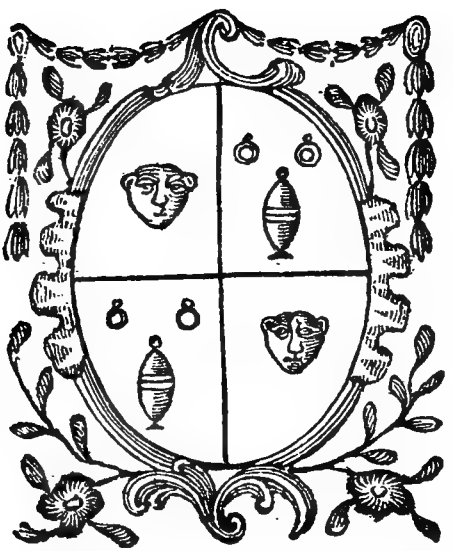

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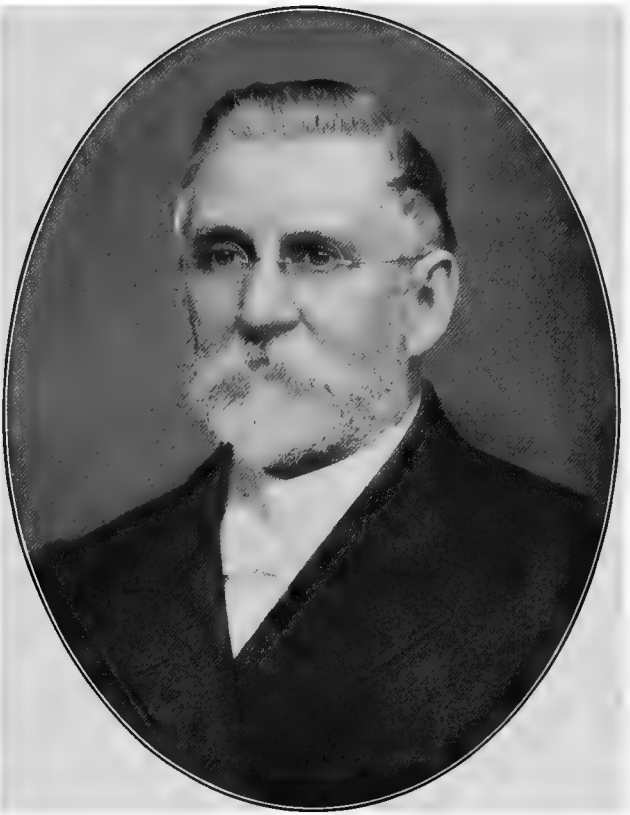

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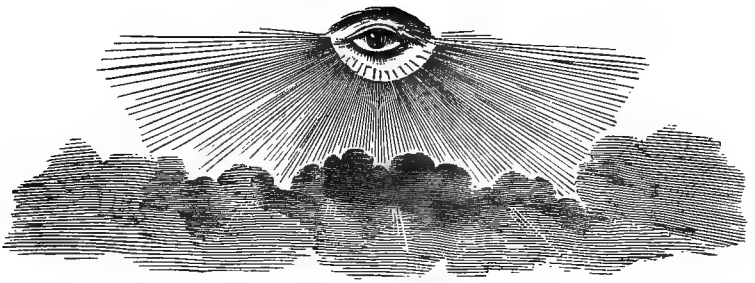
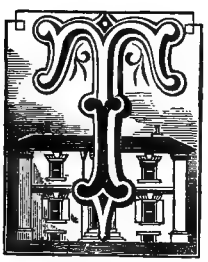


Freemasonry in Pennsylvania

1730—1907

CHAPTER I.

Introduction.



THE story of the beginnings of Freemasonry in the American Colonies, partially shrouded in uncertainty as it is, owing to the lack of documentary evidence, has been a fruitful subject of controversy for writers on Masonic subjects, both at home and abroad. Of late years, however, incontrovertible proof has been produced to establish the claim that Pennsylvania is the cradle of American Freemasonry, in which Colony the Craft was introduced as early as, or before, December 5, 1730, the date given by Franklin in his *Pennsylvania Gazette,* wherein he says that "there are several Lodges of Free-Masons erected in this Province."

As there are several Lodges *of* FREE-MASONS *erected in this Province, and People have lately been much amus'd with Conjectures concerning them; we think the following Account of* Free-Masonry *from* London, *will not be unacceptable to our Readers*

Fac-simile from the Pennsylvania Gazette, No. 108, December 3 to December 8, 1730.

This is a fact which is further proven by the finding of Franklin's Journal, begun July 4, 1730, wherein Franklin records his business dealings with "Lodge of Masons at Br. Hubbards"; proven also by the Treasurer's book of St. John's Lodge, known as "Liber B" commencing June 23, 1731; by the set of By-Laws of St. John's Lodge presented June 5, 1732, and by the successive notices of the Grand Lodge in Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette.*

Franklin, however, fails to give us any information as to when any of these early Lodges were established. The finding of a copy of "The Constitutions of St. John's Lodge" written by Bro. Thomas Carmick and dated 1727 undoubtedly proves that St. John's Lodge was established several years prior to the date of Franklin's first notice in the *Gazette.*

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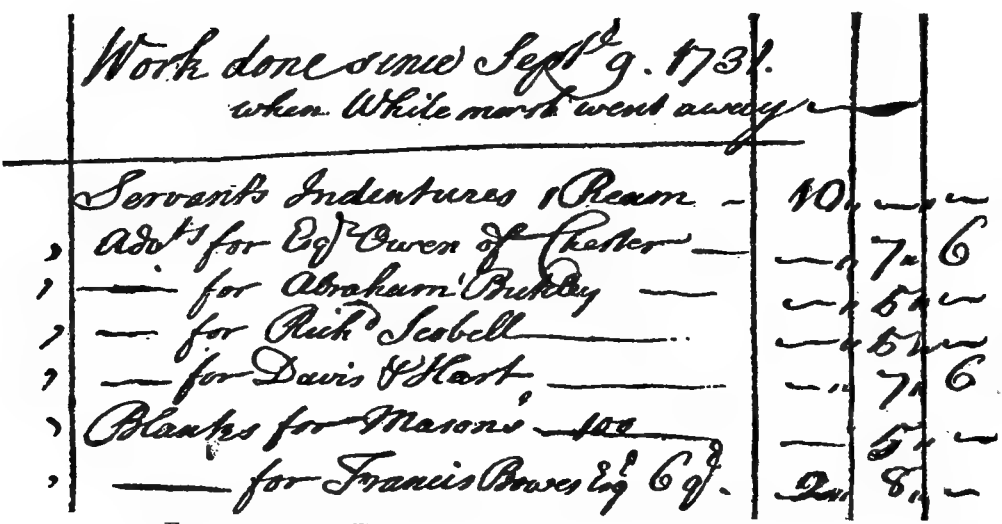
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FAC-SIMILE OF THE EARLIEST MASONIC ENTRY IN FRANKLIN'S JOURNAL.

22 Of St. Johns Holy Lodge

They always Strive to Succour
And See that there's noe wrong —
Done to any Member that thereto Doth belong
The Union thats amongst them all
Throughout this world you See
Is all one head noe way Seuered
from Brave free Masonry
for which Let noe man venture
to prove aright thereto - - -
without being Call'd to Enter
in by the way thats true -
for if he doe not Surely Rew -
The Scripture tells us why
The part wee take pray Doute Mistake
Is Call'd free Masonry - - -
And to Conclude with heart soe Good
God Grant that wee all may - - -
Live always in the true way
and never Swerue a Stray - -
But in Despite of Sattans Might
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SPECIMEN PAGE FROM CARMICK MS., CONSTITUTION OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 1727.

unearth any of the earliest minute books of these Lodges "Moderns" working under the English Grand Lodge of 1717. The earliest minute book known to the Craft is that of the "Tun Tavern" Lodge (No. 3 of the "Moderns") beginning June 28, 1749, but even this is not the first minute book of this historic Lodge. Thus the historian is handicapped and is in a great measure dependent down to this time upon the scant notices in the newspapers of the day. There should be no question as to the regular constitution of our early Pennsylvania Lodges. The appointment of Col. Daniel Coxe as Provincial Grand Master on the fifth day of June, 1730, presents undeniable evidence that there were lawful Brethren residing in Pennsylvania who were recognized as regular Freemasons. The Deputation granted Col. Coxe[1a] gave almost unlimited powers to elect officers and continue the Grand Lodge, without any further correspondence with the Grand Masters and Grand Lodge of England. In fact the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1731 was in all respects practically an independent Grand Lodge, *the third oldest Grand Lodge of the world.* With the exception of the Grand Lodge of England, established in the year 1717, followed A. D. 1726 by that of the Grand Lodge of Munster, which merged into the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 1729–30, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had no superior in seniority or rival in rank.[1]

[1a] Vide Appendix I.

[1] Cf. Caementaria Hibernica, Vol. I, p. 2.

It will be noted that the Price deputation, which Massachusetts claims gives her precedence, dated three years later (April 30, 1733), contains no such authority.

If the earliest minute books of any of these Lodges alluded to by Franklin are ever found, they will without a doubt show that proper Masonic authority was granted for establishing such a Lodge.

From documentary evidence found among the manuscripts in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it can be shown that all the other Provincial Lodges of Pennsylvania, both "Moderns" and "Ancients," were duly constituted by proper Masonic authority.

Pennsylvania's Masonic history is intimately connected with that of the chief Grand Lodges of England, viz:—the Grand Lodge of England of 1717 "Moderns," under whose authority the earliest Pennsylvania Lodges were constituted, and the "Grand Lodge According to the Old Constitutions" of 1753 "Ancients." Under the authority of the latter, the Lodges were constituted that eventually absorbed or succeeded, chiefly for political reasons, the Lodges constituted or working under the "Moderns."

The dedication of the Freemasons' Lodge in Philadelphia, in 1755, stimulated the interest in Freemasonry in the city, and as the lines of the three Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were more or less closely drawn from a social stand-

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SERMON,

PREACHED IN

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PHILADELPHIA;

BEFORE THE

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AND

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OF

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On *Tuesday* the 24th of *June*, 1755, being the *Grand Anniversary* of St. JOHN the Baptist.

We know, where Faith, Law, Morals, all began,
All end,---in Love of God *and* Love of Man. POPE.

By WILLIAM SMITH, *M. A. Provost of the College and Academy of* Philadelphia.

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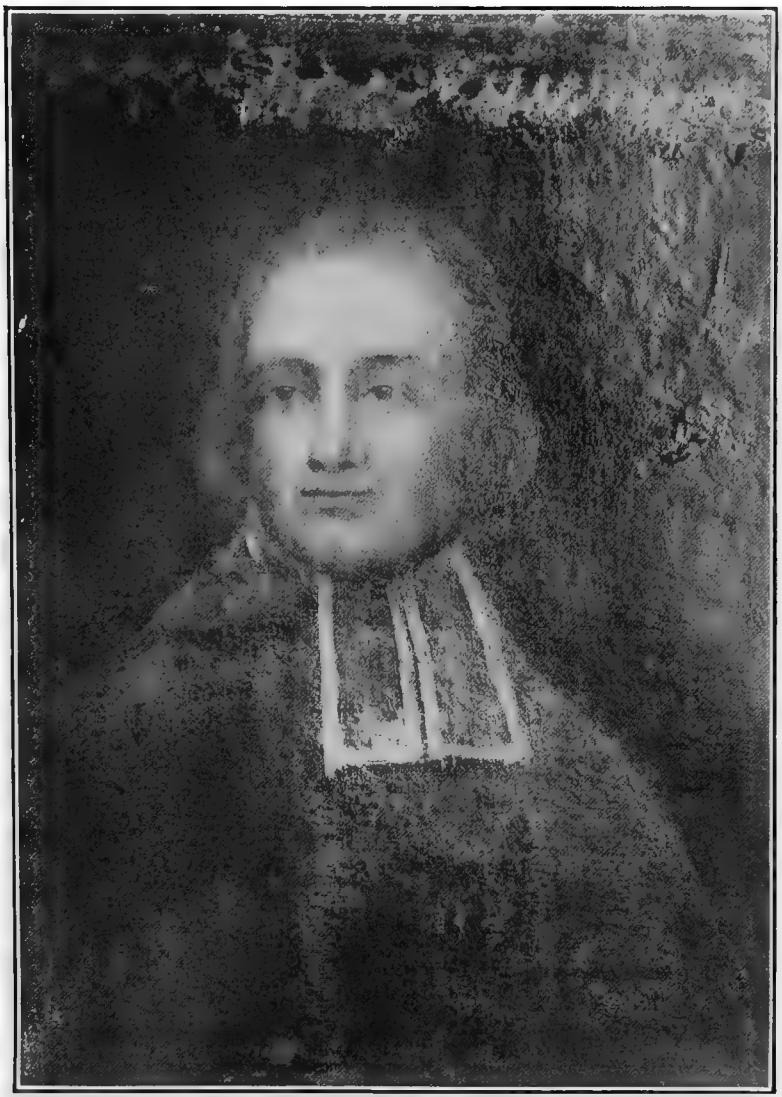


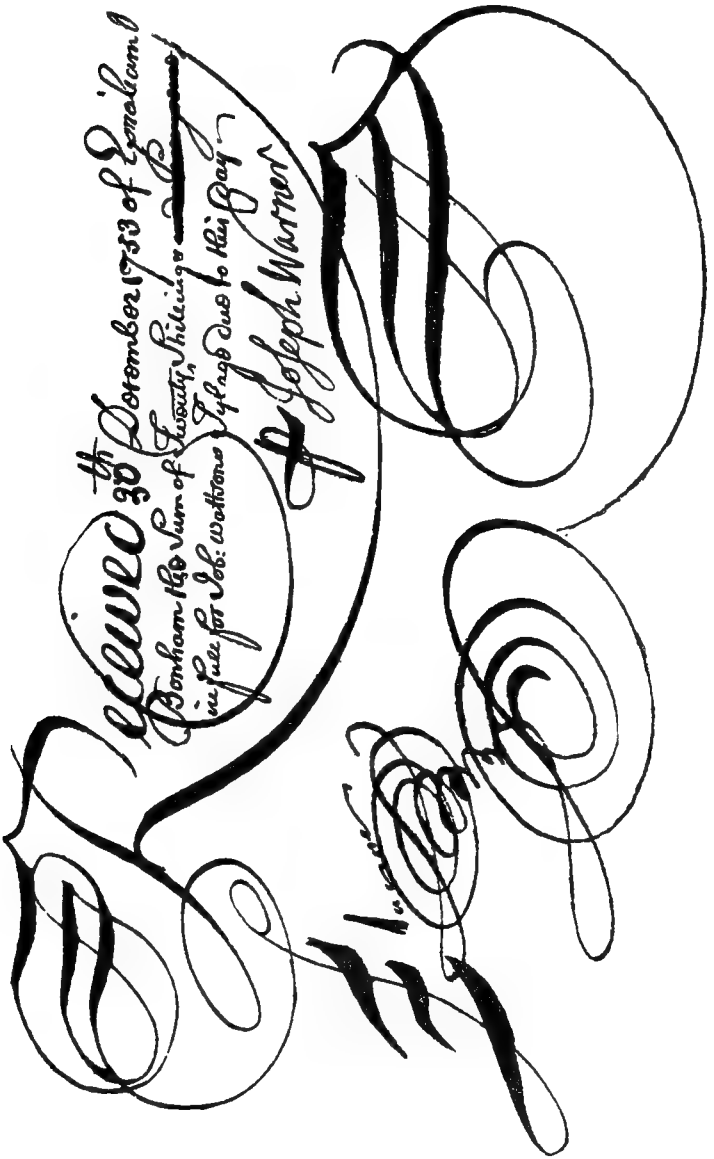
REV. WILLIAM SMITH, D.D.

BORN SCOTLAND, 1727; DIED PHILADELPHIA, 1803.
CHAPLAIN TO GRAND LODGE "MODERNS" 1755.

point, a number of persons active in the political and in the humbler walks of life were made Masons in the Military Lodges stationed in Philadelphia, working under the Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Constitutions or "Ancients."

The question arises: How came it about that the Masonic Lodges which were originally established in Pennsylvania as early as 1730, under the Grand Lodge of England, and which flourished in our community, and within twenty-five years built and dedicated in Philadelphia (1755), with great pomp and *éclat,* the first Masonic Lodge house in America, were so soon afterwards supplanted by what were known as the "Ancients" or "York Masons," so called, who appear to have been more popular than the Lodges working under the Grand Body known as the "Moderns"?

It will be remembered that, in 1751, a second or Schismatic Grand Lodge of England was formed. This in English Masonic history is known as the "Great Schism." The members became known as the "Ancients." This new Grand Lodge, it appears, was more liberal in granting warrants than the older Constitutional Grand Lodge. This was particularly the case in granting travelling or army warrants. According to an eminent English authority, so far as known there were no less than forty-nine of these travelling Lodges that came to the American Colonies during and after the French Wars (1746–64),



FAC-SIMILE OF BILL FOR TYLING THE GRAND LODGE OF "MODERNS," A. D. 1753.
Original in Archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

thus virtually establishing an "Ancient" or "Athol"[2] Lodge wherever there was a British garrison. Further, in these Lodges the social lines were not so closely drawn as with the "Moderns." Tradesmen, artisans and seafaring men were not considered objectionable material. In this manner Ancient York Masonry, so called, was introduced into Philadelphia, and, owing to the liberality of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in the matter of granting warrants, its influence slowly but surely extended in both England and America, while that of the older Grand Lodge of England slowly but steadily diminished in Pennsylvania. Thus, as a matter of fact, Philadelphia became the "Premier" or "Mother City" of Freemasonry in America, of both the "Modern" and "Ancient" system. In the latter Pennsylvania also antedates Massachusetts.[2a] Further the reason why our "Modern" Lodges were not listed by the English Grand Lodge of 1717, is that the Grand Lodge of 1731 in Pennsylvania was an independent one from its beginning. Eventually through political causes incident to the American Revolution and the troublous times preceding its outbreak, many of the Brethren in Philadelphia felt constrained to renounce their fealty to the older Grand Lodge of 1731, and frater-

[2] So-called after the Duke of Athol, who was elected Grand Master by the Schismatic Grand Lodge in London, usually known as "Ancients."

[2a] Joseph Warren was not installed provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts until December 27, 1769.

nize with the newer organization of the "Ancients." Most all of these Brethren became members of Lodges Nos. 2 and 3. Thus the "Moderns" were gradually absorbed in the "Ancients" in Pennsylvania, until in the year 1793 the last vestige of the "Moderns" appears on record.

Noteworthy examples of these seceders among many others were William Ball, for so many years R. W. Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Rev. Dr. William Smith, former Grand Secretary of the "Moderns," and later occupying the same position in our present R. W. Grand Lodge.

Both of the above were members of Lodge No. 2.

Then, again, Philadelphia at the time of the dedication of the Freemasons' Hall in 1755, was the chief commercial port of the English Colonies, with considerable shipping in the harbor, the captains and officers of which, seafaring men as they were, owed fealty in almost every case to the Masonic Brotherhood of the "Ancients." Thus, the York Masons, while only sojourners and non-affiliated, evidently soon outnumbered the membership of the three regular Lodges of the "Moderns" in Philadelphia.

That another Lodge was necessary in Philadelphia to meet the social conditions then existing became evident even before the "Ancients" outnumbered the "Moderns," and resulted in the warranting of a fourth Lodge by R. W. Grand Master Brother William Allen of the "Moderns," which was opened on

June 24, 1757, in the presence of Thomas Boude, a prominent member of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master's warrant was read, and the following officers appointed for the time being:

Brother George Brooks, W. M.[3]
Brother John Gilchrist, S. W.
Brother John McAulay, J. W.

The new Lodge was known as Lodge No. 4 upon the Roster of the "Moderns."

Lodge No. 4 of the "Moderns," warranted by Grand Master Allen, did not prove successful, as the class of material it was constituted of and for, seafaring men and officers, had a preference for the Lodges under the "Ancients" who had warranted the Military Lodges, and whose members were constantly increasing in the city. As this became more evident the members of the new Lodge concluded to change their fealty from the "Moderns" to that of the "Ancients." Consequently application was made by these Brethren to the Masonic authorities in England for a warrant. This request was complied with, and under date of June 7, 1758, a warrant was granted for a new Lodge to be held in Philadelphia or elsewhere in Pennsylvania. This war-

[3] George Brooks was a master painter and plumber in Philadelphia. He died intestate early in August, 1760. His widow, Sarah, administered the estate, which for that time was quite large. The bond is dated August 12, 1760. His personal effects were appraised at £1,039-15-7.

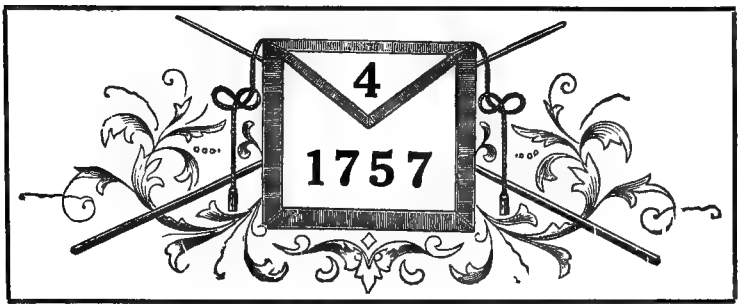
rant was registered as No. 69 in England and No. 1 in Pennsylvania, a number which after a short lapse of time the Lodge vacated and assumed second place or No. 2, which it still maintains, thus leaving the former number for a Provincial Grand Lodge, which, as it appears from the earliest minute book, was formed from or by the officers and members of this venerable Lodge, and for a time it may be said was actually the Grand Lodge of the Province.

It is to this venerable Lodge, which now rounds out a hundred and fifty years of active work, as well as to our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that these pages are dedicated, and whose earliest history is here recorded, to the edification of present and future generations, and to the glory of the many good and worthy Brethren who have gone before. Varied have been the vicissitudes of this Lodge during the century and a half of its existence, yet through all its manifold trials from within and without the same Masonic truths are taught, the same great lights rest upon its altar, and the same Masonic charity is dispensed as when first established during the reign of the Second George of England.

Wm. Allen

BORN 1710. DIED 1780.

GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1732. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER "MODERNS," 1749-1765.



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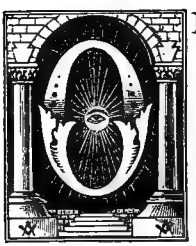
Lodge No. 4 of the "Moderns," 1757–59.



ON St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, of the year of grace 1757, about twenty Brethren assembled at Jeremiah Smith's public house[1] in Philadelphia, the exact location of which, however, has not been established. This meeting was the culmination of a number of meetings previously held, having for their object the erection of another Masonic Lodge in the City of Brotherly Love. The Lodge having been opened in due form and duly tyled, a warrant from the Grand Master, William Allen, was read appointing Brother George Brooks Worshipful Master of the new Lodge for the time being. Upon the roster of the "Moderns" this Lodge was entered as No. 4.

The ceremonies of Constitution being ended, Brother John Gilchrist delivered a lecture on the "Kee[2] of the Lodge," after which the new Worshipful Master

[1] Supposed to have been on north side of Walnut Street, one or two doors west of Second Street.

[2] Key. A discourse upon the objects and teachings of Freemasonry.

delivered a charge to the Brethren with respect to their "Duty towards God and the Brethren." At the same time Brother John Gilchrist was installed as Senior Warden and Brother John McAulay as Junior Warden.

Among those present at this meeting was R. W. Brother Thomas Boude, one of the original members of St. John's Lodge of 1731, and who had served as R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Junior and Senior Warden at different times. Brother Boude addressed the Lodge and advised the Brethren to rent a room for their meetings in the new "Freemasons' Lodge" in Lodge alley. The rental named was ten pounds per annum.

The roster of the Grand Lodge of "Moderns" organized in 1731 was at that time as follows:

Hon. William Allen, Grand Master; Benjamin Franklin, Deputy Grand Master; Dr. Thomas Bond, Senior Grand Warden; Joseph Shippen, Junior Grand Warden; William Plumstead, Grand Treasurer; William Franklin,[3] Grand Secretary; Rev. William Smith,[4] Grand Chaplain. Among other prominent members at the time we may mention Hon. Robert Hunter Morris, Governor of the Province; James Hamilton, Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, and Thomas Boude, all past officers of the Grand Lodge.

[3] The son of Benjamin Franklin, afterwards the Tory Governor of New Jersey.

[4] Rev. William Smith, first Provost of the University.

The Subordinate Lodges were:

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Warranted prior to 1731.

Lodge No. 2, Warranted by Franklin, September 5, 1749.[5]

Lodge No. 3, "Tun Tavern" Lodge, Warranted prior to 1749.[6]

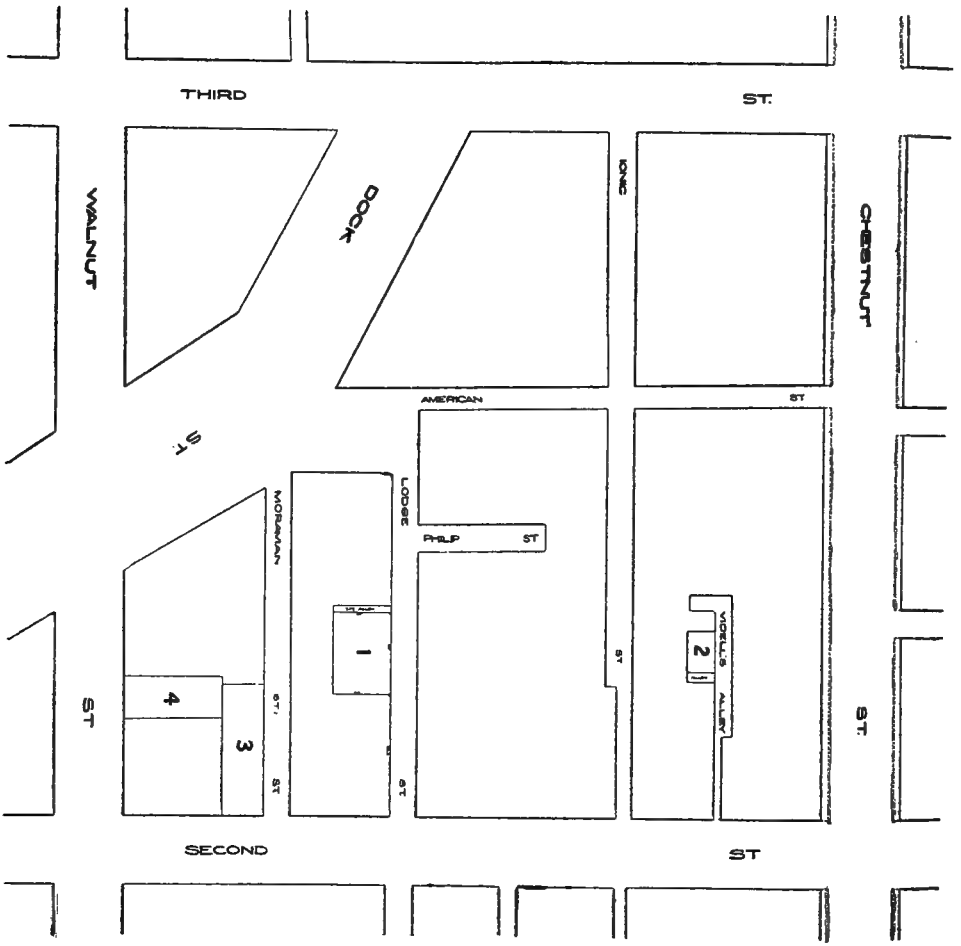
The Grand Lodge together with the three old Lodges at this time (1757) held their meetings in the "Freemasons' Lodge" dedicated St. John's Day, June 24, 1755. This Masonic Hall, the first to be built in the western world, stood on the south side of Norris (Lodge) Alley, now Sansom Street, west of Second Street. It was demolished about 1801, when the Bank of Pennsylvania was built upon the site.

This Lodge Alley must not be confounded with another passageway, "Videll's Alley,"[7] just south of Chestnut Street, between 108 and 110 S. Second Street, present numeration west side, where the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" met, and the present R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was formed in 1786. After the Provincial Grand Lodge met in Videll's Alley, this narrow passageway also became known as "Lodge"

[5] Ledger in archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[6] Minute book 1749–1755 in archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[7] Stephen Videll, after whom the alley is named, was a schoolmaster. He died early in the year 1755. He does not appear to have been married, as by his will, dated January 7, 1755, he wills all of his property to Abraham Robinson, son of Thomas Robinson, of New Castle, Delaware. The will was proved March 14, 1755.



Plan of square bounded by Second, Third, Walnut and Chestnut streets, showing location of four early Masonic meeting places. (1) Freemasons Lodge, 1755. (2) Hall in Videll's Alley, 1769. (3) City Tavern, corner Second and Gold streets, 1777. (4) Jere. Smith's, 1757.

Prepared by Bro. John W. Frazier from original plans in the Survey Department.

CHRIST CHURCH,

SECOND STREET ABOVE MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA,

WHEREIN THE SERMONS WERE DELIVERED BEFORE THE GRAND LODGES OF BOTH "MODERNS" AND "ANCIENTS" IN PROVINCIAL DAYS.

Christ Church was founded in 1695, under a provision of the original charter of King Charles II to William Penn for the creation of the Province of Pennsylvania.

The parish was subsidized by King William III William of Orange).

Here the Colonial governors had their State Pew.

The Penn family pew was No. 60 John Penn, the last male member of this line, is buried near the steps to the pulpit.

Communion silver presented in 1709 by Queen Anne.

Whitefield preached here in 1739.

The tablet to General Forbes, the victor of Fort Duquesne, 1758, may be seen in the chancel.

The pulpit dates from 1770. The candelabra in the centre isle is for candle-light, and has hung in place since 1749. The gravestones and tablets are mostly of colonial and revolutionary days.

Continental Congress attended here a service of fasting and prayer in 1775, shortly after the battle of Lexington.

The Babtismal Font dates from 1695.

The church organ, built in 1765, has been rebuilt twice, except the front case and keyboard.

The chime of bells pealed forth the Declaration of Independence in response to the Liberty Bell, July 4, 1776. They were taken from the city with the Liberty bell by Continental Congress at the British occupation of the city, and were subsequently rehung in the tower by Congress.

Many members of the convention which framed the Constitution of the United States, 1787, worshipped here during the sessions.

George Washington and Martha Washington regularly occupied Pew No. 58 from 1790 to 1797, while he was President. The same was the official pew of John Adams while President, and was used by the Marquis de Lafayette on his second visit to this country.

Benjamin Franklin was a member of the committee which built the spire, and occupied Pew No. 70; since used by members of his family.

Robert Morris, Treasurer of the Revolution, who is buried beneath the Parish House, sat in Pew No. 52.

Francis Hopkinson, Secretary of Continental Congress and his son, Judge Joseph Hopkinson, author of the national hymn, "Hail Columbia," occupied Pew No. 65.

General Charles Lee, of the Continental army, is interred beside the southwest door; and nearby was laid to rest, after the battle of Princeton, General Hugh Mercer, 1777.

Rt. Rev. William White, D.D., first Bishop of Pennsylvania, is interred before the chancel rails; and his episcopal chair is beside the altar.

General Cadwalader, of the War of 1812, occupied the Cadwalader Family Pew No. 55.

Henry Clay, during the time of his temporary attendance, sat in front of the west column, north aisle.

In the churchyard are interred Peyton Randolph, first President of Continental Congress; Commodores Truxton, Bainbridge, Biddle and Richard Dale; Eleanor, daughter of Nellie Custis (Mrs. Lewis), daughter of Martha Washington, and several signers of the Declaration of Independence, and other persons of distinction.

The American Episcopal Church was organized, its Constitution was framed, and the American Prayer Book was adopted in this church, 1785.

At the southeast of the nave is the "Washington Door," through which was accustomed to enter the "Father of his Country."

Alley, and is so designated in the early directories of the city.

Brothers Rible and Savage were admitted as members upon the first meeting night of the new Lodge, and certificates made out and granted them.

It was further agreed that the officers continue in office for one year, unless charged with misconduct.

July 2, 1757. The Lodge was opened in due form, after which the Worshipful Master read the proposed by-laws, which were all approved, and cheerfully subscribed by all members present.[8]

A petition for initiation and membership was received from Joseph Tatem. He was balloted for, approved and "desired to prepare for entering the next Lodge Night."[9]

August 9, 1757. Lodge opened in due form. A petition for initiation and membership was received from Isaac Vanasite (Vanast) and approved. He was asked to attend next Lodge night, after which, Joseph Tatem "was made and enter'd Aprentice." Four Brethren applied as visitors. Two—Bros. Brown and Davies—were admitted, the others rejected.

August 15, 1757. The Committee[10] met for private business at the house of Jere. Smith.

[8] These By-laws of the "Moderns" have not come down to us, and are not to be confounded with those sent from England, and printed in full in another chapter.

[9] Throughout this work the general style of the original minutes is followed. In almost every case the transactions are given verbatim et literatim.

[10] The "Committee" was composed of the elective and appointed officers of the Lodge.

September 13, 1757. Lodge opened in due form, when Bros. Robert Patton, William Hoge and John McGlathrey were made entered apprentices.

There were four visiting Brethren, viz: Foukes, Nathaniel Faulkner, Dr. Atwood Cowman, James Johnston, all members of Lodge No. 2 ("Moderns"). A memorandum in the minutes states "all behaved as spies from an enemy's camp, as by these minutes will appear."

September 15, 1757. An emergency Lodge was Open'd in due form when Bros. Patton, & Hoge were passed and raised; being seafaring men, and immediately bound outwards.

Isaac Venosits was made an entered apprentice.

September 21, 1757. George Brooks, W. M. of the Lodge and two of his officers viz: Bros. John Gilchrist and John McCauley were summoned before a Committee of Lodges No. 1 & 2 charging them with being "Ancient" Masons, which they did not deny; after a long debate, the matter was referred to the Grand Lodge, who also issued a summons against the Brethren of the new Lodge, and for a time "Detained their warrant" though no record of this fact appears upon the minutes, it being merely mentioned in a subsequent petition.

October 18, 1757. Met at the house of Jere. Smith by order of the Master, a Lodge was opened in due form, when Bro. Joseph Tatem was passed a fellow craft, and John Campbell was "Entred A Enter pren". Brother John Carill " vised the Lodge".

November 13, 1757. Met at the house of Jer^{m} Smith By order of the Master, a Lodge was open'd in due form, when Brother Tatem was raised, and Bros. Campbell & McGlathrey "past a fellow crafts Degree".

December 27, 1757. St. John's Day—Met at the house of Jer^{m} Smith, By order of the Master, a Lodge was opened in due form, when Brother Brooks was unanimously chosen Worshipful Master.

Brother Gilchrist, Past Master.
" Joseph Croker, S. W.
" John McCauley, J. W.
" Bradford Roberts, Sec'y.
" John McCauley, Sen. Treas.
" Edward Cox (Cocks), Sen. Deacon.
" William Ranberry, Jun. "

It was also agreed upon, that every member should observe the nights appointed, without being summon'd.

Four Brethren applied as visitors, three were admitted viz Bros. Blackwood, Jones and Bourns.

January 3, 1758. A committee met at the house of Jerem. Smith by order of the Master, when a Petition was drawn to be sent to London, and there to be laid before the Grand Lodge of "Ancients," Requesting a warrant &c.

January 10, 1758. Lodge opened in due form, our worthy Brother Blackwood read the petition mentioned in above minute, He also read a letter to No. 2 of the "Ancients" in London, the said petition was then signed by our Worthy Master, Wardens and

Brethren, and sealed in order to be sent to (New) York from thence to London by the first Oppertunity &c. &c.

The same night William Feares, Alexander Rutherford and Abraham Chatten, Petitioned to become members of the Lodge. They were balloted for and "desired to prepare, and accordingly were made Enterprentices" Being well recommended &c. &c.

Following is a verbatim copy of the petition and letter to the Grand Lodge of England and to Lodge 2 of London, above mentioned.

To the Right Honorable William Earl of Blessinton Grand Master of Antient Masons, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge in London, Greeting.

We the under named having for many years past Resided in the City of Philadelphia did form our selves into a Body, being Antient masons. Descending from our Mother Lodges in England, Ireland and Scotland and being for a long time as Sheep without a Shepherd (which we are at present) did propose and apply to William Allen Esquire Grand Master of Pennsylvania for a Warrant, which we Easily obtained, but upon hearing we were Antients we were call'd before the Grand Lodge by whome we were Examined as to our Conduct in Smaller Matters, which were Easily accomedated the question then was that as thay found to be Antient masons, which thay neither understood, nor approved of, this query was immediately put to us. Vize: Whether we would become what they were in manner and form to which we answer'd neither Cold nor would, and are determined never to forsake the good old way at this Distressing and Critical time

(Brother Blackwood & Jones, Registered members of this Right Worshipful Lodge and particular Member of No. 2 of London) Came reasonabley to our assistance, and Desired we meight petition ye worships in what your wisdom's may Judge Necessary for the Distress'd.

We Humbly therefore pray that your worships will take our Case into serious Consideration, and grant us what you in your Wisdoms see nessesary four our Regular forming and Constituting according to the Antient Craft which we shall Inviolably adher to, we are and Remain your Worships most humble petitioners and Most affectionate Brethren

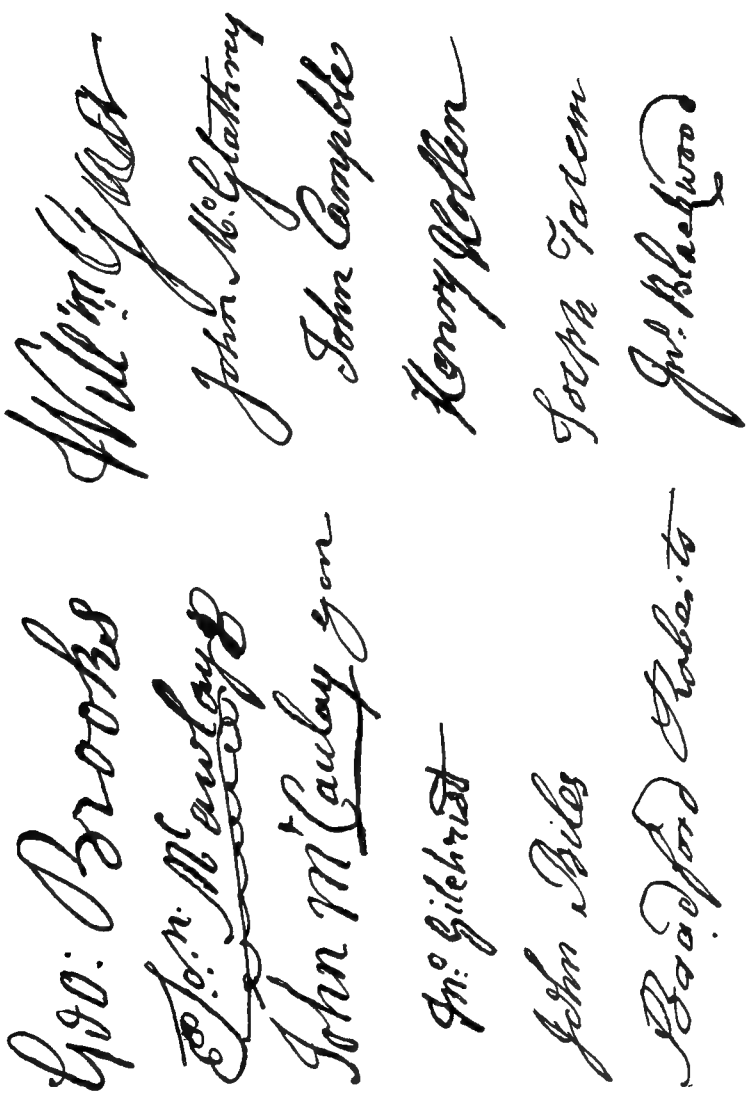
George Brooks *Master*
Joseph Croker *S. Warden*
John McCauley *J. Warden*
John McCauley *Sen. Treasurer*
John Gillchrist *Sec.*
John Biles
Robert Patton
Bradford Roberts
William Gaa
John Maglathery
John Campbell
Henry Hollen
Jos. Tatem
Members Present.

Philadelphia, January 10, 1758.

Brother Joseph Reed[11]

Tho this Comes address'd to you yet it is Intended for the Information of the Brethren whome we honour and Love for the Truths sake—Brother we arrived the 3d December after the most agreeable passage of 6 weaks from Cork where we went for Convoy, we must not Omitt acquainting you, that

[11] Brother Joseph Reed was the Secretary of Lodge No. 2 of the Ancients in London.



Signers of the Petition sent to the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" in England Praying for a Warrant, January 10, 1758, for a Lodge, which became Lodge No. 1 (now Lodge No. 2) of Philadelphia.

while in Irland, we met Some Brethren there, and on Comparing notes, we found to our, no Small Satisfaction, that we agreed, as Exactly as face answers face in the Glass, on our Arrival here, we found some Travellers on the antiant paths of Truth, who had kept together for sometime and at last agreed, to petition the Grand Lodge here for a warrent which they soon obtained, the number of the Brethren, we are Informed by our worthy Brother George Brooks are twenty, Several of whome are Royal Arch Masons, and worthy men, Brother Brooks was and is as yet at the head of them, as Master of their Lodge by Virtue of the affores'd Warrant, but on finding those were another kind of Masons than had been known here a Number of Charges were Musterd, up against them. Brother Brooks was Sum'd before a Committee of No. 1 and 2 where our Brother prooved Groundless and Absurd, thay soon gave them up, and then Charged them with being Antient Masons to which they plead Guilty the Grand Summon'd them before them, and importuned them to an accomidation in Manner and form in their way, which thay refused, to comply with, & are determined inviolabely, to adhear to the antient princeples Whereon the Grand Master Detained their warrent, so that at present, thay are under several Disadvantages, the Master with whom we have had several Conferrences, received us as Abraham did his Son Issac, as persons from the Dead unexpected, and as if Design'd by Providence, to Alevate the Sorrows of the Distress'd and Persecuted, as we intend not to be in a hurrey till we see where we are, we thought it our duty to acquaint you (our Mother) where we received our first Breath with Simplisity of Children, for your advice and assistance, we therefore hope and desire you[t] take care to preferr the Inclosed petition to the Grand Lodge the first oppertunity, and further if you find it wants anything Either

to matter or form, we Intreat you[d] Appoligize for us and interpose by your kind offices and Countenance, in order to Render it Effectuate for the good end & purposes it is designed, Rather we now present you with an oppertunity of promoting the Antient Craft in this part of the world it now seems to make its first appearance like the Breaking forth of Day after a Long and Gloomey neight of Clouds and thick darkness, we are sure we nead not use arguments to incline you to our assistance, of whom we Cant have the least doubt, as to your Willingness In so good a cause, we imagin we see you Flush'd with a generous Emutation Eagerly wishing that the Wings of time would hasten the happy period, that would afford you so good an occation, of shewing you Just, but necessary Zeal for the Antient and Royal Art in Laying our Case before the grand Lodge, Brother Jones and Self are not Joyn'd with these Brethren yet any otherways, then as to the matter of the petition, which we aver to be true, being firmly assur'd the Difference Consists alltogether in this, the Petitioneers, are antients, the others are Moderns, and as the Petition Expresses it, we are as sheep without Shepperd, upon the whole if the Grand Lodge, shall as the result of these Deliberations, take us under therere Cears and protection it must remain with them and you & you, as we cant take it on us, dictate to them who the person, or Persons shall be, to whome the Nessesary powers shall be granted, that will Releave us in our present Circumstances, we hope that they will put us on as Good a footing, as the nature of our Case will Require, we have preval'd, with them not to make any new Brethren till we have directions and Power from England, in the hopes of which they are Exceedingly Rejoy's[d], it Gives Brother Brooks and the rest of the Brethren perticular pleasure, to heare that the right worshipful, honourable and noble Brother the Earl of Blissington, is at the head of

the Antients in England, whose Patternal Regards have been and we hope Ever will be, Extended to the Disstressed, however dispers'd Round the Globe, we Visited the Lodge, St. John's Day, where we toasted our Noble Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, with No. 2 in Howets Court, allso all the worthy Antients from Dan to Bersheba, or if you will wherever thay are, Brother Brooks makes the Compliments of an Antient to No. 2 he is an Arch Mason, and was just about to lay their case before the Grand Lodge in Dublin, in whose Books he is a Register'd member and belonging to 183 in Belfast, on our arrival, he and thay most chearfully agreed to Petition, the Grand Lodge of London & that we Shold Importune No. 2 to assist, and Preferr it, in that way and manner, that may be most Agreeable to you it Seems to us, as if the Difference In some things was not Rightly understood by Either partys as appears from the Moderns Granting them a Warrent and also by the Antients applying to them for one, thay soon become Shey of one another, so that now, thay have not the least Connection, it was not known here, that the Different Bodys, had seperate Grand Lodges in England we are inform'd Credittably, that names of Moderns are scarsley known in Either Scotland, or Irland, however we hope by the Interposition of the Grand, and your Brotherly assistance to be able to pitch a Tent in this Wilderness, that will in a good Degree Shelter Sojourners in their way, from the Scorthing Heat of Summer, and also from the Northern Blasts of Winter, which is as Unfriendly to our Constitution as the former, the want of which here, has been the Occation of some making Shipwrack of Faith and a good Conciance, we think we need say no more to you at this time, we shall request the favor of a Correspondance with No. 2 and hope it will be agreeable to you Brother, as to Postage of Letters, or any other charges, arrising, Either to you or the Grand, you may

depend on it, it shall be Punktually Remitt'd, please to Consult our Brother Dormitt in this affair, we Crave his assistance if this letter be thought any way Usefull, in Giving Light, or Satisfaction Either to the Grand, or any other Brethren, we leave it at your pleasure to use it as you please, we find we are Obliged to be troublesome to you, But where can we go with Equal Confidence. Brother Jones and Self he Expects to go to the West India's in a little time, he has now a new Ship Building for him and hopes in a little time once more to see you all again, Make our most friendly & Brotherly Regard to all them who Enquier for us in that way, our Compliments to Sister Reed an the Children, I am at loss how to break off, but must least we become troublesom to them we honor and Esteem & shall only Beg leave to Subscribe ourselves Dr Brother yours under the Strongest Obligations of Love, Gratitude & Sincere friendship

Jno. Blackwood

P.S. You[1] observe by the Subscription of the Petition the Names of Charles Burnes he is a Soldier in Otways Regiment now here at Winter quarters, he tell us he is well known to No. 2 having been for some time a Member of it. Brethren he Greets you well, and is hereby Rememberd to you all in Brotherly Love.

February 14, 1758. Lodge opened in due form when Bros. Feares and Chatten were made fellow-crafts. James Blanch White, Gustavus Hambleton and Abishia Chatten Petitioned to become members. Being balloted for, they were approved and "Desired to prepare next Lodge night." James Blanch White being approved of was made an Entered Apprentice.

March 14, 1758. Lodge opened in due form. Bros. Feares and Chatten, received the degree of Master. Bro. White passed a fellow craft.

April 11, 1758. Lodge opened in due form. Bro. White, received the degree of a Master. Gustavus Hambleton "Rec'd the degree of an Enterprentice". William Jaret was balloted for, approved and entered. At this meeting there were present as visiting Brethren three Sergeants of the 48th Regiment then stationed in Philadelphia.

May 8, 1758. At this meeting Bros. Rutherford and Gerrard were passed, and Abishia Chatten was entered. Joseph Maranda was present as a visitor.

May 16, 1758. The Lodge met on private Business according to appointment by the Master. (This Meeting was evidently called in relation to the trouble with the Grand Lodge for the affiliation of the Lodge with the "Ancients"). Bro. Cox was also examined and his trial suspended until his return. Subscriptions to the sum of £3.10.0 by way of charity were also acknowledged.

June 14, 1758. Lodge opened in due form, when Bro. Gerard raised, and Bro. Abishai Chattin was passed a fellow craft.

Bros. J. Hovery, Francis Chatten & D. Hillman were recommended and desired they may prepare against St. John's day, 24th June inst.

June 20, 1758.

John McCauley Treasurer Dr to Cash £4.12.2
as per settlement with Bradford Roberts.

June 24, 1758. (Evidently an Emergency Lodge) Lodge opened in due form, when Bro. Abishai Chatten was raised and Francis Chattin was entered—Samuel Crispin was also recommended.

June 24, St. John's Day, Anno Mundi 5758. Lodge opened in due form, at the House of Jeremiah Smith —By order of the Master, when Bro. John Blackwood was unanimously chosen Master—Bros. John Gilchrist Deputy Master, John McAuley S. W.—Abraham Chattin J. W. William Gaa Treas. and Thomas Blanch White Sec'y. Bro. Ranbury Sen. Deacon, and Bro. Wm. Fearis Jun. Deacon.

The Thanks of the Lodge were tendered to P. M. Bro. George Brooks for the great services, he has done for them.

The Worshipful Master and officers were installed in due form—after which Samuel Crispin was balloted for and approved.

July 11, 1758. Lodge opened in due form.

It was unanimously agreed that all members belonging to this Lodge shall be regularly summoned for three Lodge nights following this date, and he that does not attend shall be erased out of the book and excluded the Lodge.

Bros. Venaston and Chattin were passed to fellow craft.

Bro. Crispin made an entered apprentice.

August 8, 1758. Lodge opened in due form,—when Bro. Blackwood, our Worshipful Master's letter gave

great pleasure to the members, and was well approved. D. M. Bro. Gilchrist lectured on the Entered apprentice's duty. Present John Craig a visitor.

September 12, Anno Mundi 5758. Lodge opened in due form when Daniel McMichael, John Lambkin, John Chattin and Abraham Williamson were balloted for and ordered to prepare. Bro. Crispin passed to F. C.—"It was also agreed to get sundry necessaries for the Lodge which our Master undertook to get done." The Resolution of the members *Nemine Con.* that every article of the By Laws shall be strictly observed, from this night forward. The By Laws being first read to the Lodge.

October 10, 1758. Lodge opened in due form, when Bro. Gustavus Hamilton was passed to F. C. and Abraham Williamson, Daniel McMichael and John Lambkin were made Entered apprentices. The Worshipful Master delivered a Lecture on the E.A. Degree.

Leonard Hammond was balloted for, and ordered to Prepare. It was agreed to hold a Master's Lodge on the 4th Tuesday in the month.

October 24, Anno Mundi 5758. Lodge opened in due form. Met by adjournment, when Bro. Hamilton was rais'd to the High degree of a Master Mason.

Bros. McMichael and Lambskin (sic) passed to F. C.

Leonard Hammond was Enter'd an Apprentice.

November 14, 1758. Lodge opened in due form, when Bros. Crispin, Danl McMichael, Francis Chattin also John Lambkin were raised to Master Masons.

The W. M. gave a Master's Lecture, after which a free Contribution was taken up of the Brethren, amounting to £1.9.3 which was given in charity to Alexander Grimes, a poor brother in prison.

December 12. Lodge opened in due form.

The Master being absent Brother Ranbury, took the Chair by desire of the Brethren present—A M. M. Lodge was opened and a Lecture upon that degree delivered.

St. John the Evangelist (*December 27, 1758*). Lodge in due form—when the brethren dined and supped according to the Rules of Masonry or in the Masonic way this day also our Worshipful Master (who had been absent in the interest of the Public, and returned Victoriously crowned with laurels Returned and Re-assumed the Chair).[12]

January 9, 1759. Lodge in due form, when Bro. Rutherford was raised to the High degree of a Master Mason.

January 23, 1759. Lodge in due form.

"When after the several methods that has been used in order to obtain a warrant from the Right Worshipful Grand Master the Earl of Blossington had been read and the wished for moment had arrived by bringing the same to our desires, the Letter from No. 2 In London also being read in which the greatest Pattern of Love, Charity and Benignity was sett forth,

[12] Two lines erased in MS.

the warrant itself was read with a solemnity suitable to the Occasion.

The original warrant has not come down to us, as it was surrendered to the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1780, for the purpose of having it renewed under the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This new warrant under which Lodge 2 is still held, fortunately, recites the salient parts of the original warrant, if it is not given in its entirety or original form, viz.:

No. 1, in Pennsylvania.] [No. 69 in England.

—— Blessington, Grandmaster; Robert Goodman, S. G. W.; Wm. Holford, D. G. M.; Wm. Osborne, J. G. W.

To all whom it may concern:

Whereas, by a Warrant bearing Date the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, in the city of London, supersigned by the Right Worshipful and Right Honarable, William, Earl of Blessinton, Grand Master, William Holford, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Robert Goodman, Senior Grand Warden, Wm. Osborne, Junior Grand Warden, and undersigned Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary. With the approbation and consent of forty-seven regular York Lodges, the following Brethren, viz.: the Worshipful George Brook, Master, Joseph Croker, Senior Warden, and John Macauly, Junior Warden (with their lawful assistants), were authorized and appointed to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the city of Philadelphia, or elsewhere, in the

Province of Pennsylvania, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated), to admit, enter, and make Masons according to the Ancient and honorable custom of Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world; and also with the further right, privilege, and authority to nominate, choose, and instal their successors; and them to invest with like power, authority, and dignity to nominate, choose, and instal their successors, as by the said warrant may more fully appear.

LETTER FROM LODGE NO. 2, LONDON, TO THE BRETHREN IN PHILADELPHIA.

LONDON, August 19th, 1758.

MESS. BLACKWOOD & JONES;

Dr Brethren: We make no doubt but long before this time we Stand Condemn'd By you for Neglect in not answering yours, but hope you will be Convinced on the Contrary on Recept of this. As we were not willing to write until it was in our power to Send what we believe (the Inclos'd will give you and all the Brethren Unknown) ye desir'd pleasure, we can assure you that your letter to us was read the first Lodge night after the recept, we believe we need not inform you that it was Matter of peculiar pleasure and satisfaction, first the account of your Safe arrival, your good state of health, and your most agreeable requests. Each being ready to Serve you as far as it lays in their power, it was agreed imediatly to aply the first Stuard Lodge Neight and present your petition which was receiv'd with Distinguishing marks of Pleasure was imediatly agreed to in Granting you a warrant, and application Order'd imediatly to our Right Honourable and Rt Worshipful Grand Master for the Same, the which has been detained longer than we expected, we will not take upon us to Blame. Bror. Dermat to you as the

Cause, but do think he might have been a little more Dillegent, by which we in all probability meight have obtain'd it sooner. Our Br Dermott in Order of Custom was for furnishing it for you with Rules and Orders and likewise as is Costomary to Register our Petitioning Brethrens Names in the Grand Lodge Book, both of which we thought was no way needfull at this present time, as you are furnished Dr Andersons and Br Dermotts Constitutions and as the Registering we shall leave it to your owne Direction, or until we have the pleasure of Hearing from you or Seeing our Br Jones as by yours we are in Expectation of. We Ordered our Br Dermott to make out the whole Expence to you which we have not as yet Received, we Resolved not to postpone our sending to you on that account being uneasy you should be so long without what you so earnestly Desire.

The Brethren are greatly pleas'd as to your Integrety in the good old way, we look upon you with a paternal Eye, you may be assured of our Readyness to serve you on all Occations, as farr as is in our power, we make no doubt of a suitable return on your parts, we trust the Craft will Shine under your adminestration both as to Order and good Example in promoting Love, Unity & Charity, we would Recommend our Brother Andrew Byrn to your peticular Notice, so far as it may be in your power to serve him, we are well pleased at your meeting together we have good Reasons to believe as he never brought any Reflection on the Craft, which with this deportment will be always the same, all his old acquaintances within the Compass of our Knowledge desires to be rememberd to him in sincear love wishing him well Doing.—Dr Brethren our whole Lodge greets you, Sencible of your Love and Regard, Lays their Commands on you in keeping up a Correspondence and and takes their leave, at this time with their Sincear prayers in your behalf and for the

Country where Providence has pleased to place you, that you may not only be protected from the Insults of the common Enemy, but that they may be brought under Subjection that you may live in peace and plenty Everyman under his own Vine without any Molestation or any to make him afraid, may you be alway Steadfast, immoveable abounding in Every good work living in Cons^{t} dependence on him who is able to Build you up in his most holy faith and make you more the Conquerers, threw him, who, has loved us & Washed in his precious Blood, and may our frequent meeting together here be so far Bless'd as to make us meet for that Glorious meeting above when time shall be swallow'd up in Eternity this is the Earnest Desires of your sincere and Affectionate Brethren &c

THOMAS CLARK of No. 2..M.
ROBERT KERR.....S. W.
CHARLES BYRN.....J. W.
JO^{s}. REED.....Sec'y.

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P. S. We have Sent you Acc^{t} of the present & Charge, our Brother Dermott Mentions that the Expence will be ab^{t} 14 Shillings more, the particulars we have not rec^{d} as yet otherways we shold paid it as we have for the warrent, as you are always Remember'd by us in our own private meetings, we had the pleasure last St Johns Day assisted by the Grand Lodge several of our Lodge attending to Drink success to you in ye Master, and we flatter our Selves while we were Remembering both in publick and private you were not altogether forgetfull of us.

James Dimer was ballotted for and ordered to prepare.

A committee was appointed to meet upon the following Tuesday.

[With the reading of the new warrant all connection with the "Moderns" appears to have been severed, and Lodge 4 of the "Moderns" in Pennsylvania virtually ceased to exist as such. From the old minute book, however, it would appear that the Lodge under the jurisdiction of the "Ancients" as it now was, did not get into working order for some months. Regular meetings, however, were held, but no work was done until the May meeting. It appears to have been July before the affairs of the Lodge were finally adjusted, hence the minutes of these meetings are included, together with those strictly belonging to Lodge No. 4 of the "Moderns".]

No date (evidently *Tuesday, February, 1759*) Lodge opened in due form (half hour after six) our Worshipful Master in the Chair, and the list of Brothers names called. Twenty answered to their names, and each gave 9d to the charity fund, making 15 shillings. Thos. Lowry was balloted for and ordered to prepare. A Tyler was secured at 3/6 per Lodge night and 2/ to summon the committee. "The committee fix'd for the first Tuesday of next month."

Tuesday, March, 1759. The Committee of the Lodge according to appointment to consider of the Business referred to them, on the first Tuesday in March 1759.

And after Mature Consideration, agreed that in as much as the Stock for Charity was a reasonable and sufficient (sic) fund according to the circumstances of the Body, and likewise remembering that the Brethren have been at considerable expense from time to time in providing for and bearing the necessary expenses of the Lodge, it is therefore thought reasonable and it is accordingly agreed:

That all money arising to this Body for the entering, passing, raising in this Lodge, and also for the receiving into membership, any not made here, and likewise all those fines that shall become due from the Brethren, not appearing according to their summons on stated Lodge nights, shall be for the providing all necessaries, and paying of such expenses as the Brethren and the officers of the Lodge when properly summoned on stated nights, shall agree for the ease of the Brethren and the Honor of the Craft.

March 13, 1759. Lodge in due form. The W. M. in the Chair. The names of the Brethren being called Ten answered and paid 9d. each into the Charity fund and "it was agreed by ye committee that ye charity fund begin this night".

A lecture was given by the Master on the E. A. Degree.

April 10, 1759. Lodge in due form, the W. M. in the chair 9 Brethren present—J. Blanch White certifies that £0.9.0 are in his hands.

May 8, 1759. Lodge in due form.—P. M. Bro.

Brooks in the chair, the W. M. being absent. 12 Brethren having answered to their names. Bros. John McCauley and Gaa were appointed to visit the sick Brethren and see "if any aid or assistance could be administered to their necessitys if any," and to make their report as soon as possible to the Committee appointed for that purpose.—Bros. McCauley, Chattin, Gaa, and Roberts were appointed a committee "to view some Rooms proposed if agreeable to the Society, and they should think proper to remove the Lodge to."

18 shillings were collected for dues & fines.

May 20, 1759. Lodge in due form—W. M. Blackwood in the chair. Bro James Dimer was passed and raised to the dignity of a Master Mason "being to proceed" on the present "campein" (campaign) seven Brethren were present—The Secretary was ordered to make Bro. Dimer's Certificate as a Master Mason. Being an "Extra" Lodge no petitions were introduced. Bros. Jno Brownlow and Samuel Harvey from the Bermudas, visited as Ancients.

June 12, 1759. Lodge in due form—W. M. Blackwood in the chair—15 Brethren present 11 sh. 3d. collected for charity fund. Daniel Topham balloted for and ordered to prepare.

An Extra Lodge was appointed to be held on Friday next to hear and determine, several differences between Brothers Brooks and Fearis.

June 15, 1759. Extra Lodge—in due form. W. M.

Blackwood in the chair—11 members present. "On sundry allegations Bro. Brooks and Fearis" Bro. Fearis was found guilty of affronting Bro. Brooks, and ordered to ask his pardon and pay a fine of five shillings. Also for "Transgressing against the Lodge to ask grace of them and pay ten shillings, on which he may be restored as agreeable to our By Laws."

No date (evidently *St. John's Day, June 24, 1759*). Lodge in due form—when following Brethren were chosen to serve for the next six months)

John McCauley (stone cutter)	W. M.	*Members present*
John Gilchrist	S. W.	John McCauley (Taylor)
Henry Hollen jun.	J. W.	Wm. Daw
John Blackwood	P. M.	Saml. Crispian
Jos. Miranda	Sec'y	J. Blanch White
Alex. Rutherford	S. Deacon	Isaac Ninarst } F. C.
Richard Dill	J. "	John Camble } F. C.
John Biles	Treas.	

Certificates were paid for & given to Bros. William Daw, George Brooks and J. Blanch White, who destroyed his in a passion and erased his name out of the Book.

The following letter was sent to Lodge No. 2 in London setting forth the conditions here and urging the necessity for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master—according to the "Ancient Constitutions," viz.:

JOHN BLACKWOOD TO JOSEPH REED, SECRETARY OF LODGE No. 2 IN LONDON.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21, 1759.

Worthey Brethren

Inclosed you have 1st Bill of Exchang for three Guineas a Draft on Captain George Nicholson he is Master of the Ship William and Mary of this Place, by whom you have this letter, you may find him at ye Pennsylvania Coffee house, it has been matter of Concern to our Lodge that the Money was not Convey'd to you sooner the Greatfull Sence we all have of your Sincere Love and Offices has aded much to our Anxiety on this account—The Brethren Enjoyn'd it on Me that I tender these most affectionate love and Duty to you not only as a Congregated Body, but also to every Brother in perticular, I doubt not you will be Easily convinced how agreeable this task is to me I am sorry that I cannot do it in that way that I am ashur'd their Sincere Intentions Merit.

Worthy and Dr Brethren be ashured that our hearts glow with the most flaming affections therefore it Cannot be Expected that my feeble pen can fully Express the Language of hearts so fierd with loves as I know ours are to our Brethren of No. 2—We are of Oppinion that the Regestering our names in the Grand Lodge Books, will be of no perticular service at this time as our Communiation for Charity Rest Intierly in our own Lodge because of our distant Situation from the Grand, and we apprehend (with submission) it must Nessessaryly Remain so till our Number increace so y^t^ can Branch out into several perticular Lodges and *some proper person is appointed by the Grand to precide over us as deputy Grand Master of Antients in Pennsylvania,* which in my opinion will be a work of time but by no Means appears Imbrable. The Moderns are at pres^t^ a verry powerfull Body thay have thought proper to let us alone ever since the Warrant came

Exchange for £3 3 — Ster.g. Philadelphia June 19th 1759

At Sight please to pay this my third of Exchange
First & Second of Same Tenor and Date not paid / to
Joseph Reid or Order three Pounds three Shillings
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Sam Sir. Your Hum Servt

To Capt George Nicholson
of the Ship William & Mary
at the Pensylvania Coffee house
London

Geo. Nicholson

FAC-SIMILE OF BILL OF EXCHANGE SENT TO LONDON IN PAYMENT FOR WARRANT.

over tho thay dont Chuse to Countenance us in the least, one of them Refus'd to take the Money to you when he found that it was a remittance to defray the Expences of our Warrent he utterly refused it, otherways you shold have had ye Money long are this.

We desire you will when you have Setteld our Account with B^r^ Dermott purchase ½ a Doz. Books of his Constitution, for the use of our Lodge, and Send them to us by B^r^ Nicholson he is an Irish Mason, I doubt not but on Examination you will find him a Worthy B^r^ he does not belong to our Lodge, but I know him to be a Gentleman Worthy your Notice and therefore reccommend him to your friendship and Acquaintence. Brethren we must Intreat to Make our Submission to ye Grand, at the same time Returning our most hearty thanks for the great favors confer'd on us, you may ashure them of our chearfull and Ready Obedience to all there Commands, and we hope that no report of a Mallicious or Disadvantagous kind will be Received against us to our prejudice Except supported by proper Evidence, & we have an oppertunity of being heard, in our Own defence, in such maner as the Nature of the Case will admitt. Brethren we are not in the least apprehensive of, or Conscious, of any Guilts but knowing we have Enemies that are powerfull and watching an oppertunity, we therefore hope ye Motion is Excusable. It would be most to our Satisfaction if you would Inform us if any power we have or are already posses'd of will Enable us to divide into seperate Lodges, or what steps are nessesary for us to take in this matter if it shold be thought, Expedient & for the good of the Craft. We hope to hear from you by this Worthy B^r^ plase to Direct to me.—

Now may the very God of peace and Love keep you in his fear Make your Mountain Stand strong.—

Brethren in the name of the Lodge I am Desired to Subscribe in behalf of the Whole and am your Most obliged Hum^ble^ Servt & Brethren

JOHN BLACKWOOD.

N.B. I wrote you by the last Ship it is insisted on if agreeable to you that a Correspondence be kep^t^ up between the two Lodges. — If there remains any Ballance in our favor, in your hands after a Settlement with the Grand Lodge and Purchaising the Books affore s^d^ it is our desire that the remainder may be apployd by your Lodge to any purpose you think proper we wish our Circumstances would admitt of Something worth while to be appropriated for the Honour of the Craft and good of the Brotherhood, Brother Jones Sailed yesterday for Newfoundland and Lisbon. My Compliments to Sister Reed & Children. I hope you will not be Lasey to write, I dont intend to fail on my part.

J. B. W. d

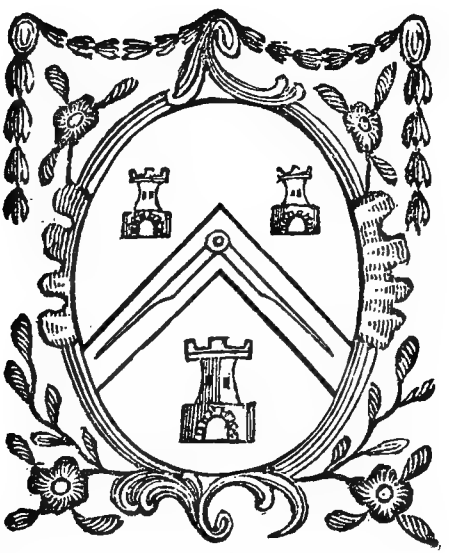
July 10, 1759. Lodge in due form Bro. John McCaley as W. M. Ten brethren present.

Bro. Fearis applyed to the Lodge "for to make up the Differences with the Lodge which appened upon Bro. Brooks' affairs. The Lodge took it into consideration, and balloted wether he should be re-instated in the Lodge.—But was lost in Vote."

Henry Dawkins and Daniel Topham were entered.

The following Tuesday was appointed to "hold a committee to settle the accounts of the Lodge. Daniel Topham paid 20 shillings for entering.

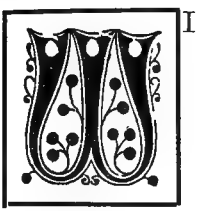
July 16, 1759. A committee met to settle the accounts of the Lodge. Found ourselves worth in cash £11.17.4 1/2d. Bro. Dill offered to serve as Tyler for three months gratis. Bro. Miranda the Secretary was also ordered to provide sundry small articles for the Lodge.



Arms of the Guild of Scottish Masons from the "Blue Blanket" of 1780.

CHAPTER III.

Lodge No. 1 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, 1759–1760.



WITH the transition of the Lodge from the uncongenial fold of the so-called "Moderns" to that of the "Ancients," the Lodge entered upon a renewed era of Masonic life and activity. From hence the meetings were regularly held and proper minutes and accounts kept.

The new Lodge, the first of the "Ancients" to be enrolled in Pennsylvania, if not in the American colonies, started out with forty names upon its roll of membership, and entered upon a course of dispensing Masonic light and Charity, which continues down to the present day. The favor in which the new Lodge was received in our infant community is shown by the increase of membership during the early years of its existence.

The warrant sent out to Philadelphia from England is registered as No. 69 upon the English Register, and was dated London, June 7, 1758. At first

the New Lodge of "Ancients" was known in Philadelphia as:

"Lodge No. 1 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the City of Philadelphia, and Province of Pennsylvania."

The Warrant and accompanying letter, did not arrive in this country until January, 1759, when, as before stated, they were read before the Brethren at the Meeting, January 23, 1759.

The Lodge locally became known as one of "Ancient York Masons," by which title it was known until recent years, when the Grand Lodge changed from A. Y. M. to F. & A. M.

Another interesting fact, as shown upon these pages, is that when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was warranted, the membership of that august body was composed entirely of members of this Lodge, which in the year 1760 assumed the number "2," so as to leave the other vacant for the Grand Lodge about to be formed.

In the present chapter we print a copy of the by-laws sent from England to govern the Lodge, also the minutes of the Lodge and roster of the Brethren during the period they were known as "Lodge No. 1 of the Ancients." Viz.

"Philadelphia August 14th. 1759. Lodge in due form George Bartram and Robert Cooper.

Samuel Watts and James Alexander, applied to become

members—"they are to meet us upon extra Lodge on Tuesday next, They are to go through all three degrees, as they are Clandestine"

Bros. Henry Dawkins[1] and Daniel Topham were passed to F. C. Received in the box 12/ 6d. Bro Topham passing money 20/—Total £1. 12. 6d

[1] Brother Henry Dawkins was an Englishman, and learned the trade of engraver and silversmith in London. He was located in New York in 1754, and the following year had set up in business opposite the Merchants Coffee House, where he "engraved all sorts of metals." Shortly afterwards Dawkins came to Philadelphia where he joined Lodge No. 1 of the Ancients, August 14, 1759.

The following advertisement from the "Pennsylvania Journal," July 19, 1758, is interesting as throwing some light on the range of Dawkins' work as an engraver:

"Henry Dawkins. Engraver from London. Who lately wrought with Mr James Turner; having now entered into business for himself, next door to the sign of Admiral Boscawen's head; in Arch-street; where he engraves all sorts of maps, shopkeepers bills, bills of parcels, coats of arms for gentlemen's books, coats of arms, cyphers and other devices on Plate; likewise seals and mourning rings cut after the neatest manner and at the most reasonable rates.

"N. B. Those Gentlemen who please to favor me with their custom may depend upon having their work done neatly and with dispatch."

During the American Revolution Bro. Dawkins appears, according to the records, to have been a Tory or to have fallen into evil company as he was arrested in May, 1776, somewhere in the vicinity of New York, and was charged with engraving, printing and issuing counterfeit Continental, Connecticut and Massachusetts paper money. He was put into prison and in the trial ensuing he confessed that he engraved the plates, but he implicated the Tory "Rivington, the printer," in the enterprise. It appeared from the evidence that Dawkins had been previously imprisoned in New York for a similar crime. On October 19, 1776, he was still in jail; and on that date he petitioned the Provincial Congress of New York for "the termination of his sorrows by death, inflicted in what manner the Honourable House may see fit." This is the last heard of Dawkins and his ultimate fate is uncertain.

Extra Lodge August 21—1759 in Due form.

Entered & Passed James Alexander[2] and Samuel Watts Balloted for Sacherville Wood—"but was cast in black." Visitor John Wood

"A dispute arrose ab^t money thats due the Lodge from a set of Brethren that met together, and joyned with this Lodge. It is Left to a Committee to determine and Settel'd, on Tuesday next"

The expence to fall on the Persons. Cash £3. 15. —

Tuesday, August 28, 1759. The Committee appointed met to adjust those matters that arrose in dispute on the 21st inst. John Blackwood, Joseph Miranda, John Lampkin, Henry Dawkin, Daniel Topham, Alexander Rutherford, Samuel

[2] James Alexander, born in Belfast, Ireland, May 1, 1726, emigrated to America prior to 1750. Married Rachel Craven of Gloucester Co., New Jersey, July 17, 1771. Sea Captain and resided on Spruce St., between Front and Second St., No. 10, as early as 1761. He removed to Southwark in 1788. He was a private in Capt. Richard Barrett's Co. of Guards for Southwark from January 3 to February 3, 1777. He was a member of St. Paul's P. E. Church and buried there upon his death in January, 1795. He was an original member and Secretary of Lodge. His eldest son William Alexander, member of Philadelphia Bar, was made a Master Mason in Lodge No. 3, March 21, 1797. His son Richard Alexander, 1780–1823, was a member of Lodge No. 2 and J. W. at time of his death. His grandson, John C. Alexander, 1821–1885, was made a M. M. November, 1853, and W. M. 1865. William Cummings, 1806–1889, a prominent merchant of the Port of Philadelphia, who married his granddaughter, Emily Richardet Alexander, in 1831, was W. M. of Lodge No. 2, 1837–39, during the Morgan excitement and prevented the Lodge from surrendering its charter. His great-great-grandson, Norris Stanley Barratt, was made a M. M. in 1886, and W. M. in 1895, and is the present Representative of Lodge No. 2 in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving as a member of the Committee on Library. James Barratt, a great-great-grandson is also a member of Lodge No. 2.

Crispia, which were the Members of the Committee appointed. Upon examining into the matter in Debate, we could not find that any Brethren has any money in their hands unless the books be found, if they ever come to hand this dispute is finally settled.

Bro. Gaa was fined 5/ for giving the Chair the Ley [lie] the last night, which is by the 13th article of Laws. Thomas Wattson appears to be 12/ and John Thomson 8/ to the other Lodge. Upon further enquiry we found that this was money due from the two Brethren above mentioned, and we have, concluded to club the Reconing.

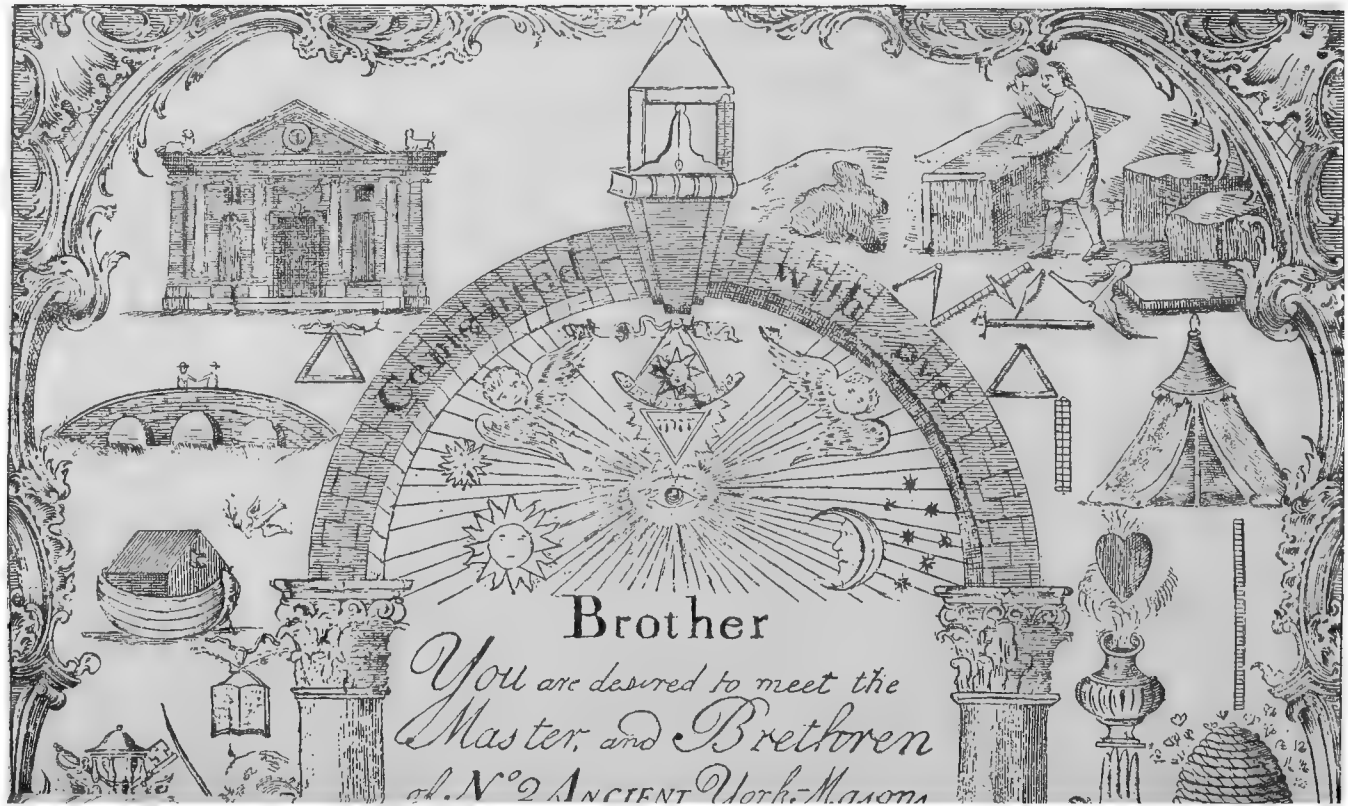
Tuesday, September 11, 1759. Lodge in due form. balloted for Sachervall Woods and William Williams (both excepted [sic]) Raised 4 Brethren viz:—James Alexander, Henry Dawkins, Daniel Topham and Samuel Watts.

An impression of the summons plate,[3] was presented to the Lodge, and received great approbation and thanks for his care [and] pains.

Great Love and harmony subsisted throughout the whole Lodge or members present.

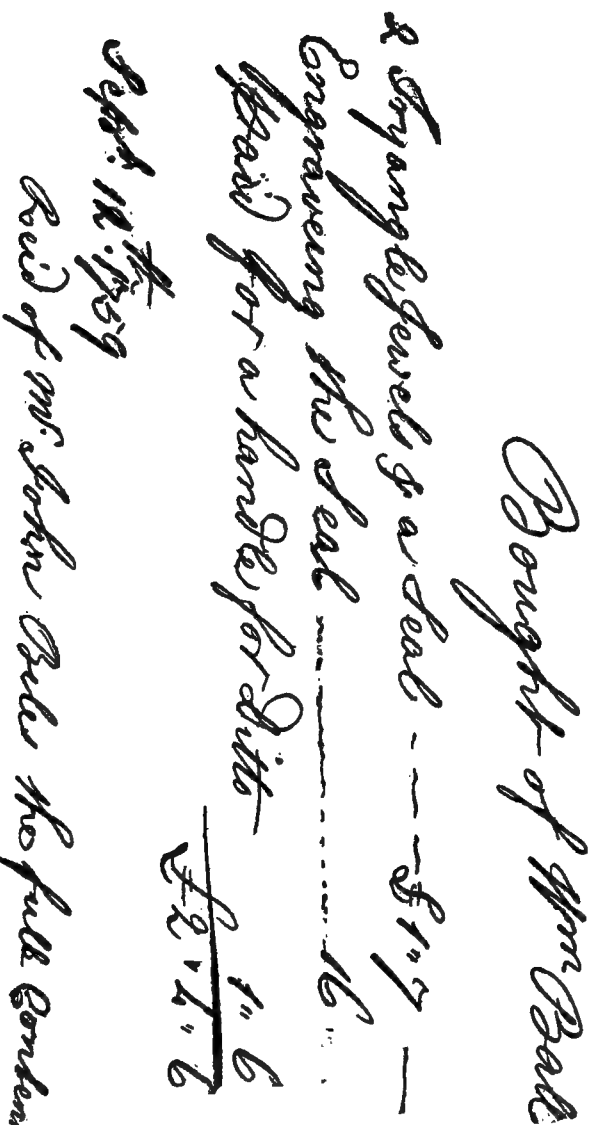
Lodge in due form Oct 9th 1759 Hollen installed Senr Warden—Bro Rutherford Jun. W. Bro Dill Sen. Deacon Bro Topham J. Deacon. Br. Smith, Thomas Murphy Capt McAuley, John Cameron, William Williams, Sacheveril Wood Entered. Grace granted to Bro Farris he paying 15/ fine &c. Samuel Arnold Petitioned being a Clandestine Mason, and Accepted.

[3] "Bro. Henry Dawkins—Philadelphia Sculp." Three impressions of this plate are in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Penna. As originally engraved the plate bore the legend "of No. 1 Ancient F. & A. Masons." After the vacation of number "one" the plate was altered so as to read "No. 2 Ancient York Masons." Cf. minute, March 12, 1761.


Brother
You are desired to meet the
Master, and Brethren
of N°2 Ancient York-Masons

"SUMMONS PLATE."

ENGRAVED BY BROTHER HENRY DAWKINS, SEPTEMBER, 1759.


Bought of Wm Ball
2 Tangle Jewels & a Seal - - £1.7 -
Engraving the Seal - - - - - 16 "
Paid for a handle for ditto 5 "
£2.7.6
Sept. 18. 1759
Rec'd of Mr. John Ball the full Contents
Wm Ball

FAC-SIMILE OF BILL FOR JEWELS AND SEAL. Original in Library of Grand Lodge.

Charity fund Collected.....	0—12—0
Bro Farris' fine	0—15—0
Overplus of the Reckoning	2—6
Sacheveril Wood—Entering Money	1— 0—0
	£ 2— 9—6

October 12, 1759. The Committee met—Present Bros:—John McCauley, Henry Hollen, John Biles, Alexander Rutherford, Henry Dawkins, Samuel Watts, Wm Gaa, John Blackwood.—It was agreed that 30/ should be put in the hands of Br B. Wood for the benefit of John McAuley, Tailor. Agreed the Treasurer should pay Br. Ball's account for sundries,[3a] also agreed that the Treasurer pay to Br. John McAuley 30/ more.

Cash	Dr.	
To John McCauley in full		4—12—2
" Sam. Arnolds Est.....		1—17—6
		£ 6— 9—8
Contra	Cr.	
By John Bwood		1—10—0
" Jno. McA Taylor		1—10—0
" N. Expences		10—6
" Box		2—19—2
		£ 6— 9—8

The Lodge met in form at Mr Jas. Bells Nov. 13th 1759
At Lord Loudon

Henry Carty and Thomas Stamper sent in petitions and were accepted—Gave Francis Chatten a Certificate as he intended to go abroad—Bro Henry Carty paid all that was due for Joyning our Lodge.—

Cash To Henry Carty in full.....	£ 1—17—6	
To Walter McAwly do.....	1— 2—6	£ 3—0—0

[3a] Bill for jewels.

Recd Nov^br 9^d 17: 1759 of John Blackwood three pound in full for printing on thousand tickets for Lodge No^1: of Ancient Masons

John Davis

Recd Nov^br 9^d 17: 1759 of Brother John Biles Treasurer of No^1 Ancient Masons the Sum of three pound for printing & one pound Seven shilling for paper for the Summons belonging to the above Lodge

Jno Blackwood

FAC-SIMILE OF BILL AND RECEIPT FOR ONE THOUSAND SUMMONS. Original in Archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia 11th December 1759.

Lodge in due form—Balloted for Wm. Tatem, not accepted for sundry Reasons.

James Bell—petitioned and was accepted and Entered

Cash Dr. To sundry Accounts viz:—

To Mr James Bell in full.....		1—17—6
Stock Cr By Expenses for Summons....	£ 4— 7—0	
By house Exp, at taking out the C'f'	10—6	4—17—6

December 19th [*1759*] Extra Lodge in due form Worshipful Master in the Chair—Brethren present—

John McAudley	Master
Henry Holland	S. W.
Alex Rutherford	J. W.
Jno Blackwood	P. M.
James Alexander	
James Bell	
Walter McAuley	
Wm Ferris	

John Corser was balloted for and accepted

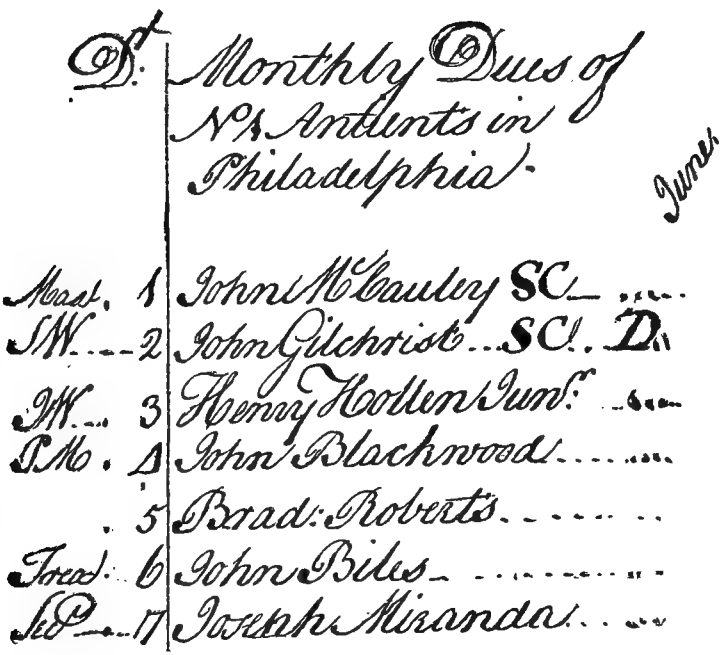
James Bell passed a fellow Craft

Cash Dr to John Corser in full £ 3—15—0

ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 1 "ANCIENTS" IN PHILADELPHIA
June 1759.

1	John McCauley	M.	4	John Blackwood	P. M.
2	John Gilchrist	S. W.	5	Brad. Roberts	
3	Henry Hollen Jr.	J. W.	6	John Biles	Treas.

7	Joseph Miranda	Sec'y	21	John Campble
8	Alexander Rutherford	S. D.	22	Samuel Crispian
9	Richard Dill	J. D.	23	John Lampkin
10	Thomas Dyer		24	Francis Chattin
11	John McCauley	T.	25	McGlathery
12	William Gaa		26	Gustavis Hamilton
13	Arch[d] McCauley		27	Hugh Thomson
14	Edward Cocks		28	James Diemer
15	Thomas Watson		29	Isaac Vanast
16	Randle Willson		30	Henry Dawkins
17	Robert Patton		31	Daniel Topham
18	Joseph Tatom		32	John Thomson
19	Abraham Chattin Junr.		33	James Alexander
20	William Garrade		34	Samuel Watts



Fac-simile of Heading of Roster, June, 1759.

35 William Williams
36 Sachev[l] Wood
37 William Ferris
38 William Williams
39 Walter McCauley
40 Henry Cartey

COPY OF LETTER AND ORIGINAL BY-LAWS SENT BY THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LODGE IN PHILADELPHIA.

"The by-laws of Lodge No. 1 of Anciant Free and Accepted Masons in the Citty of Philidelphia and province of Pennsylvenia. By Vertue of a Special Warrant to Bro[thr] George Brooks Master, Brother Joseph Croker and John McCaulay Sen[r] & Jun[r] Warden[s] and there Successors, being Duly congragated for Ever. Granted by the Grand Lodge of Anciants in England The Right Honorable and Right Worshipfull William Stevart Earl of Blesington Grand Master. William Holford Esq[r] Depy G[d] Master Mr Robert Goodman S. G. W. Mr William Osborne J. G. W. With y[e] Consent of 47 York Regular Lodeges, of free & Accepted Anciant Masons, Bareing Date y[e] Seventh of June in y[e] year of our Lord 1758 and in y[e] year of Masonry 5758. N. B. our No on y[e] Grand Book is 69.

LAU[e] DERRMOTT G. Sec[ry]

BY-LAWS.

Imprimis

That the regular & Stated Meeting of this Lodge shall be on the second tewsday of Every Month y[t] the Lodge shall be opened in half an hour after the time of Meeting, and y[e] list of the Brethrens Names Called over by the Secretary or the Broth[r] that Officiates for him

2[dly]

That the officers of this Lodge shall serve for one whole Year Exccept in case of Misconduct, but if any Brother shall

Refuse when Chosen by a Majorety (when properly Congrated) in his turn he shall pay a fine of Ten Shillings to the Charity Fund.

3dly

That any person well Reccommended (who desires to have the degrees of Masonry as Exhibited in this Lodge) and of a fair Charracter, he shall first apply to ye Secratery to make out his petition for which he shall pay two Shillings & Six pence, and then be Balloted for as usual, and if Accepted, must pay for Entrence twenty Shillings, to the Box & Seven & Six pence to Cloath ye lodge, twenty Shillings at Passing & twenty shill. at Reasing & if he becomes a stated Member, shall pay seven shillings & Six pence which shall likewise go to ye box.

4thly

That any Brother not made in this Lodge. An Anciant Mason, and of a fair charractor and is desierous of becomming a member of this Society shall on his being admitted pay to the Charity fund one pound, for the Benifitt of the Royal art, and Two & Six pence to ye Secratory for his Enrolment in the Books &c N. B. If the Brother produces his Certificate.

5thly

That No Brothr be allowd to pass his word, on his or their Asumption taken for any one to be Entered in this Lodge, or Brother to be passed or Raized, nor shall any pass the Second or third degree, till he has paid the Nessiary Expences, and is Ready to discharge any further Costs Ariseing as Specified in the third and fourth Articles above &c.

6thly

That No Brother Come to ye Lodge without the Nesesary Expence of the night. Each member paying into ye Secratory (or any other Person that shall be appointed) One

shilling & Six pence, which ye Expences of ye Lodge in Lodge hours is not to Exceed, and to be collected Just as ye Lodge is goeing to be closed. but if any of ye Cash is left unexpended ye Secretary or ye person appointed, after paying of ye house shall be accountable for ye Overpluss, and a minute made of it in ye transactions of ye night and y^{t} money disposed of as ye Officers of ye lodge, and a majorety of the Brethren in Oppen lodge shall thinck fitt, provided it be not on an Extra Lodge.

7th

That as soon as ye Lodge is oppn^{d} and the Brethren' names Called Over, Everey Brother not appearing, and coming to ye lodge y^{t} night while it is oppen, shall pay three pence as a fine for his non appearance in proper time, According to ye Summons. Any member who shall absent himself from a monthly Meeting When Duly Summons'd saveing sickness or on a Journey shall pay for every such neglect, one shilling and sixpence, the whole to ye Charity fund.

8th

That No Brother be introduced as a Visiter in lodge hours, till he is first tryed and aproven of by the Report given to ye Chair or well known to be an Ancient Mason, by two or More of the Brethren then present.

9

That no Visiting, Broth^{r} shall be Admitted at the Entering passing or Raising of any in this Lodge Except he be Admitted as in the foregoing Article, and not then, if two or more of ye Breth^{n} have any doubts & Cannot get them solved.

10

That When ye Master or his Deputy takes ye Chair, and Calls to Order, then ye Brethren shall take their Seats also, and on the third Stroke of ye Master Hammer there shall be

profound Silence And Who Ever Break it without leave from ye Chair shall be publickly Repremanded. Nither shall any hold private Conferences in lodge hours, nor move about from their Seats Exceept ye Master, Deputy or Wardens Who have the Care of the lodge more Immedietly.

11

That but one of ye Brethren is to spake at ye same time & but once to ye same affair, Unless to Explain himself or when Called upon by ye Chair &c.

12

That every Broth^r^ that speaks shall rise & keep standing Addressing himself to ye Chair, nor shall any persume to Interupt him, under the Penalty ass^d^ Unless ye Master finding him wandering from the point in hand, shall think fitt to Reduce him to Order &c then he May proceed again.

13

That Whoever shall be so Rude to hiss at a Brother or at what he shall say or has said or Make divertion of him in ye way of an affront (and it shall be so Judged of, by a Majorety of the lodge) he shall forthwith be solemnly Excluded ye Communication & declared Incapable of ever being a member of this lodge for the future, till he Publickly own his fault and greace be Granted, also paying a fine of five shillings &c.

14th

That any Member y^t^ is twice call'd to order at any one Assembly for ye same offence and is obliged to be called on a third time for one of the same nature, then the Chair shall perrempterly command him out of the Lodge, and the next time of Meeting, he shall pay a fine of one shilling to ye Charity fund. &c

II

That any Brother who Raises any Anguery dispute, to the disturbence of the Brethren in the lodge, Either Oppen or shut, shall be fined five shillings, or any who Breeds a quarrel shall be dismiss^{d} the Lodge & all the Benefites thereof, till he asks greace, and it be granted by ye Chair, the party being Restored shall pay ten shillings to ye Charity fund &c

15

That any Broth^{r} that shall swear Curse or damn for any cause whatever, Exccept in a Lawfull way, Shall for the first Offence pay Six pence, for the second, one shilling, for the third, one & six pence & for the fourth Excluded the Communication for y^{t} Night.

16

That no Brother shall Sue or go to law with an other (in Ordinary Cases) till first he make his Complaint to ye Chair, and it be brought before the lodge & if Satisfaction cant be made in a Reasonable way then ye party aggrieved shall Obtain leave of the Chair to apply to the Civel Law to obtain his Just Right.

17

That each member shall pay one shilling per Month to ye Charity fund, Over & above the ye Expences of ye Stated Lodge Nights

18

That any member of this Lodge who shall be at the Entering, Passing or Raising in a Clandestine manner any Person or Persons, he or they so offending shall be Renderd, for ever unfitt for ye Communion of this Lodge, and Incapable of Receiving any of the Benefites Arriseing from it, Unless the Officers and two thirds of ye Members agree in pardoning the Crime, and y^{t} he or they & each of them pay the sum of

three pounds to ye Charity fund and all their Arrarages from ye time of thire Expulsion to ye time of Greace being granted.

19

That ye youngest Broth^r^ and Member of this Lodge shall serve ye Summons, and tile, till a stated tiler be provided and if any should Refuse this Duty he shall forfiet his Right to ye Benefites of this society & shall pay a fine of seven shillings & Six pence to ye Charity fund & ye next youngest is to doe ye Duty & So on &c &c.

20

That no Motion for a New Regulation, or Alteration in these Laws or Articles shall be made, untill it be first handed up to ye Chair in Writeing, and after it has become perused by ye Master, he is to hand it to ye Secratery, and it shall be publickly read, and if the Motion be seconded and thirded, it shall be Immedetly commited to ye Consideration of the whole Assembly, that there Sence may be fully heard about it, after which ye question shall be put by ye Chair, for the Brethren's determination

21

That any Broth^r^ breaking those rules or Refusing to [attend to the fines] annexed to ye Violation of them, or neglecting to meet ye Lodge, when it is in his power, after being Regularly Summond, and three times Asked for ye same, when this is proven, then it shall be Judged y^t^ that Brother so offending, Refuseing & Neglecting, his name shall be Razed out of this Book, as one that has Justly forfited his Right to any of ye Benefites of this Lodge. But in Case the Brother so Offending shall apply in one year after his so Neglecting, or Refussing paying the fines and Arrearages Due from him, promising future obediance and Ammendment, then on these Conditions he shall be Restored as formerly

22

That any Brother y^{t} it shall be proven against to have Carried out to any person or persons not of this body, any part or parts of ye Conversation, act or action, thing or things done or said in this Lodge open or closed, shall be dealt with According to ye Nature of ye Offence: Either by fine or otherways at ye Discretion of ye Lodge or the Committee, if it be left to them as they shall Judge for ye Good of this Society, and ye Honor of ye Craft. . . .

23

That those our By laws shall be read to Every Brother made here or Enter'd Amongst us ye first night of there being so Made or so Enter'd and it is expected that they will sign them, or they Can not be looked on as Members of this Lodge & Consequently Can not be Entitled any of ye Benefits Arrising from our Charrity fund &c

24

That House Rent, fire wood, Candles & all Utensials for ye use of this Lodge shall be paid out of ye publick Stock. &.

25

That ye Commitee of this Lodge shall be and Consist of ye Master, Deputy Master, Past Master, Senr & Junr Wardens, Treasurer, and Secratery, who when Regularly meet either by Appointment or Summond by Order of ye Master, any five of them shall be a Quorum, and shall do ye Business for which y^{e} are so meet, provided ye Master, Deputey or Passd Master preside in ye Chair, in whom ye Disposing the Charity, and Setteling all affairs Reffer'd to them by ye Lodge, according those Laws and Articles for Charity, and ye Regulating this lodge together with ye known Useages and Customs of ye Ancient Craft shall be that to which y^{t} shall Conform and Confine themselves, but if any Debate shall happen to Arise

ye Majority of Votes then Present shall be desisive always allowing the Chairman two Votes if Occasion Requires &c.

Laws of Charity of Lodge No 1 of Anciant Masons in Philad^a

26

That it shall be the Business of ye Committee to see that all Collections, fines & Contributions and other Charitable sums of Money of what kind or Nature soever that shall at any time, be brought into this Lodge, shall be Deposeted in the Box, and shall not be disbursed on any account whatever without an order from ye Commitee, Which Order shall be Signed by ye Master or him that presides, or ye Secretary by ye presedent Order &c

27

That neither ye Master Secretary nor any other person whatever shall give or Sign any Order on the treasurer for any Sum of Money until ye same be first aproved of by a Majorety of the Committee then present and it shall be enter'd in ye Transaction Book, together with ye name or names of the person or persons to whom ye same is to be given.

28

That No Anonymous letter or petition or Recommendation by or from any Person on any Account Whatever be Introduced or Read to this Committee, and y^t any person who shall petition this Lodge or Committe for Charity, Shall be well known to be at least one whole year, A Contributing Member to ye fund, Or a traveling Broth^r who is known to be in Real want & well Recommended

29

That No petition shall be received or read to this Committe, but what shall be Signed with ye Names, of at least three of ye Members of this Lodge, and ye Merrits of ye Petitioner,

well Vouched by them, Or Some Worthey Brethren who shall have Personal Knowledge thereof, and no person shall profer or bring in any Petition to this Committe but one of ye Members y^{t} Sign^{d} it. The Petitioner himself attending in person except in Case of Sickness, Lameness or Imprisonment.

30

That it shall be the Inherient power of this Committee to dispose of ye fund for Charitable Uses & No Other (except in Such Cases as Mention^{d} in Articles the 24 & 33^{d}) & that only to such person or persons, Who Shall appear by there Petition & Vouchers, to be in Real Want of Charitable & Brotherly Assistance, and not exceeding ye Sum of forty Shillings at one time, Or otherwise supply y^{m} with a weekly Support as they shall Judge most necesary.

31

That no Brother who has Reced assistance from this lodge or Committe of Charity shall Petition a second time Unless Some New & well attested Allegation appear; Nor any Brother who has been made in a Clandestine way, or only with a View to partake of the Charity, nor any Assisting at such Irregular Makeing shall be Intitled to receeve any Assistence therefrom.

32

That it shall be ye Indispensible right of this Lodge to Order ye Committe to Meet when they shall Judge it Nessesary. Who shall then have it in there power to Ajourn themselves from time to time as the Buisness may Require at any time between ye Monthly Meeting of ye lodge Where all the proceedings of ye Committe shall be read over in Order to Inform ye Lodge of ye Charity Expended, and to Receive there concurrence in any matter y^{t} may be Refered to them &c.

33

That the Committe shall be allowed one shilling & six pence per Man at Every meeting on the Buisness of the Lodge between its Regular Meetings & no More to be paid out of ye Common Stock.

34

That this Lodge in case of a Brother's Death take Care of the Children of ye Deces^d Brother, and provide for them if they are Objects as far as as far as the Circumstances of ye Lodge will Admitt, in order to School & put them to trades so as they may become Usefull to Society as there fathers have been.

35

That if the Widow of a Deceas^d Brother being a Member of this Lodge, Shu'd be left in Distress^d Circumstances She Shall be Intiteld to the Benefits in the Same way & Manner as the Deceas^d did in his lifetime, and shall be done by at ye Discretion of ye Committe of Charity on proper Application &c.

36

The Committe of this Lodge mett according to appointment to Consider of the Buisness Refer^d to them, on the First Tuesday in March 1759. And after Mature Consideration, Agreed that inasmuch as the Stock for Charity has a Reasonable & Sufficant fund According to the Circumstances of the Body, and Likewise Remmembering that the Brethren, have been at Considerable Expence from time to time in provideing for and bearing the Nessesary Expences of the Lodge it is therefore thought Reasonable & it is Accordingly Agreed.

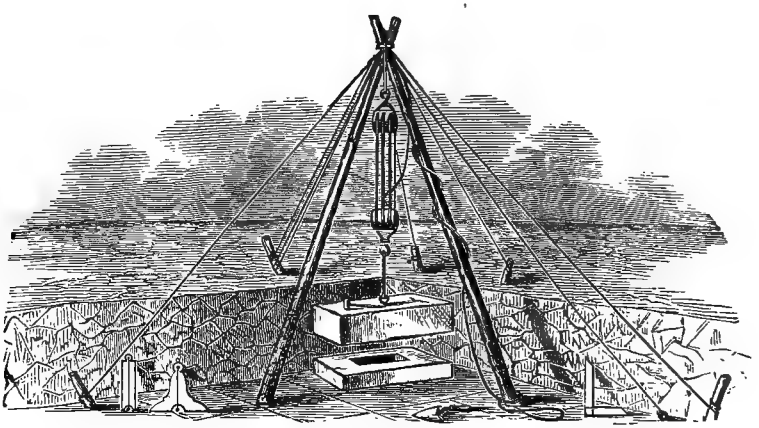
That all Money Ariseing to this Body for the Entering, Passing Raizing in this Lodge, and also for the Receiveing into Membership any not made here & likewise all those fines

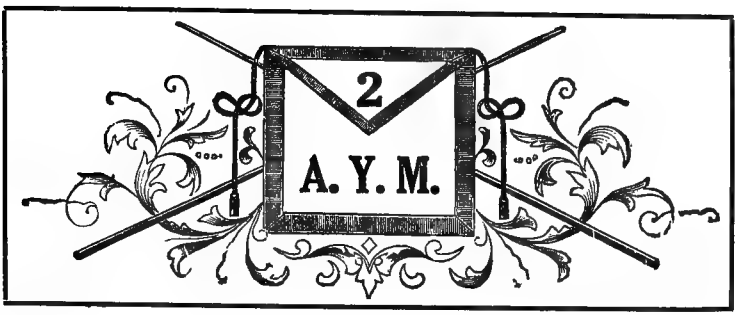
that shall become due from the Brethren not appearing According to his Summons on Stated Lodge Nights shall be for the provideing all Nessesarys and paying of such Expences as the Brethren & the Officers of the Lodge when properly Summonsd on Stated Nights, Shall Agree for the ease of the Brethren & the Honour of the Craft.

37

An Antient mason made in a Clandestin Manner, if he joyn this Body must pay Thirty Shillings to Charity fund & Seven & six pence to Clothe the Lodge, if found of a Good Character

These By-Laws were signed by no less than one hundred and nine Brethren, the first signature being Bro. George Brooks the first Master, the last name being Bro. Elisha Cullen Dick who was entered September 15, 1779.





CHAPTER IV.

Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1760–1764.

Under the Jurisdiction of England.

OW duly organized, warranted and constituted according to the "Old Constitution" Lodge No. 2 of Philadelphia entered upon an era of prosperity and activity, and soon made its influence felt as an important and permanent factor in the Masonic horizon of Penn's province on the Delaware. How the membership increased, and how accessions came not alone from seafaring men, and the artisan class, but from prominent citizens of Philadelphia as well, and gradually from Brethren owing fealty to the older Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is shown upon these pages.

Philadelphia, January 6, 1760.—"A Lodge in due form assembled to Chuse offisers according to the Ancient Useag's on St John's Day the Evangelist. Brother John Blackwood was Chose Master for the insueing Year by the Majority of Votes, Bro. John McAuly Install'd him in the Chare according to

Costom &c. Bro. Bradford Roberts S. W. Bro Daniel Topham J. W. Bro John Biles Treasurer Bro James Alxander Sec'y Bro Henry Dawkins S. D.—Bro Sam[1] Watts J. D. Raised Bro. James Bell. Passed Bro John Corser and Bro David Hall. Three Visiting Brethren; viz:—George Bartram, John Pearce and Joseph Dean. The Master has ordered a Committee to Meet on Thursday next, to settle the Books and Accompts of the Lodge, as there has been a new choice of Officers. The Master has ordered Bro. Hall and Dawkins to provide "Jewiles" for the Lodge. And Brothers John McAuly and Rotherford are to provide one dozen and a half of aprons for the Lodge.

January 11, 1760.—The Committe mete according to Orders.—Raised Bro. John Corser.—Counted the Cash and found in the Box £ 9—0—3, and in the Treasurer's Hands £ 5—3—6 Total £ 14—3—9

Paid out of above Money for		
Aprons	£ 2—0—6	
ditto a pair of Stockings for a poor Bro.	£ 0—3—0	
and the expences of the Night	£ 1—3—4	3—6—10

January 18, 1760.—"Extray Lodg" in due form the Master in the Chear, the Brothers present

Bradford Roberts	S. W.	Henry Dawkins	S. D.
Daniel Topham	J. W.	Samuel Watts	J. D.
John McAuly	P. M.	Walter McAuly	
John Biles	Treas.	Alexander Rutheford	
James Alexander	Sec'y.	James Bell	

Entered, passed and rase'd William Ball who was a Mason before, and he paid to the Box £ 1—2—6 and the expenses of the Night.

Philadelphia, January 25, 1760.—Extra Lodge James Gibson, entered the Lodge, called on his account.—Bro. James Clark a visitor late from Liverpool rec'd aff.

Cash. Dr to James Gibson rec'd of him in full 3—7—6
and Paid Expenses of the Night 7—6

February 12, 1760.—Lodge in due form.

Bro. Joseph Miranda was chose Deputy Master

Bro George Bartram "Joyned us and pay'd according to the Bey Lawes £ 1—2—6

Bro Wm Huston Joyned us & payd Lickwise 1—2—6

Brother William Ball, was Balleted for as Grand Master and Excepted."

Rased Bro [David] Hall—

Passed Bros. Arnel, and Gibson and entered David Irving and to pay the same in services to the Lodge

Passed Br Sacheveril Wood, he did not pay his pass Money.

Alexander Rutherford
George Bartram
John Wood
James Bell
} these Brethren did not pay their dues.

Received arrears &c. and put it in the box £ 2—3—2

The Master appointed the Committe to meet to

pay off what acc^ts^ may appear against the Lodge—the 13th inst

February 13, 1760.—The appointed Committee met according to Order.—Wrote a Letter to Brother Reed and the Grand concerning our Provincial Warrant.

[This was an application for the warrant of a Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancients in Pennsylvania in which William Ball was named as Grand Master. This according to Laurence Dermott, the Grand Secretary, was issued and handed to Bro. Joseph Reed who had applied for it, and sent it to Philadelphia. The warrant, however, was never received as the ship bringing it over was captured by the French.]

Paid Bro. Hall's acct for the Lodge "Jewills" which ammounted to	£ 7—17—6
Bro George Bartram's Account	10—7
The Expenses of the Night	6—6
	£ 8—14—7

Brethren present—John Blackwood Master Bradford Roberts S. W—Daniel Topham J. W. John McCauley P. M—Jos. Miranda Dep. M. James Alexander Sec'y.

February 22, 1760.—Extra Lodge in due form assembled about a "seppereating of the Lodge but not conkuled" on the members not all appearing

Bro David Irving, passed & raised—James Jebson raised. Bro David Irving began to Tyle. Night Expenses Clubed.

March 11, 1760.—Lodge in due form assembled

Petitions were sent by Robert Younger, Richard Ellis, Josea Chattin and Richard McNeall all were approved Bros. Younger, Ellis, and McNeall being made before in a Clandestine way, were Entered, passed and raised.

The three New brothers paid £ 5—12—6

Richard McNeal appointed Sec'y. 18 members present.

March 12, 1760.—Lodge in due form—Members present all officers—On a Committe appointed by order of the Master to settle the business as undermentioned

By Candlesticks paid for 0— 8—4

" Nyht's Expenses 10—6

Philadelphia, April 8, 1760.—Lodge in due form—Members present 16—Extra Lodge April 22d 1760 Lodge in due form met Present

John Blackwood	Robert Younger
John McCalley	John Beiles
William Ball	Alexander Rutherford
Henry Holland	John Wood
David Hall	James Gibson
Samuel Watts	Henry Carty
Daniel Topham	James Bell
James Alexander	Richard McNeall
George Bartram	David Erewing
James Clark (printer)	

It is agreed by the above body that in the absence of our Master John Blackwood, that Bro John McAuley is to fill his Chair as Master on the second Monday of every month.

It is further agreed that the following Brethren have agreed to meet the fourth Thursday of every month under the care and Government of Bro William Ball as Master and are to be goverened by the "Bye-Laws" of this Lodge

William Ball	Master Dep^{y}.	Wm Huston
Daniel Topham	S. W.	David Hall
Samuel Watts	J. W.	George Bartram
Alexander Rutherford		Henry Holland
Henry Dawkins		

Brother John Biles is appointed Junior Warden in Bro. Ball's Lodge to meet the fourth Tuesday of the month and Brother James Bell is appointed Treasurer of both.

[Here we have apparently an anomaly in Masonic history—a Lodge dividing itself into two sections. Each under a different set of officers except the Treasurer who held the Cash for both sections. That there was no division in the Lodge is shown by the fact that the above names appear to have been regular attendants and officers of the regular Lodge. Consequently these meetings under Bro. Wm Ball were merely held for instruction of the Brethren.]

May 13, 1760.—Lodge in due form 13 members and two Visitors present—No transactions

June 10, 1760.—Lodge in due form—10 members present Seth Ward petitioned the Lodge to become a member—balloted for and approved.—He was made an "Enterprentice" and paid his "Enterprentice" fees.

John Bryan balloted for and approved of and ordered to present a petition to the Lodge.

July 8, 1760.—Lodge in due form. 11 members present Henry Tudor Petitioned the Lodge to become a member, balloted for, approved and made an "Enterprentice"

Philadelphia, August 12, 1760.—Lodge in due form 12 members and Lewy Porter & William Smith Visitors.

James Nisbet Petitioned the Lodge to become a member balloted for, approved and Entered.

August 26, 1760.—Lodge in due form. 11 members present. Transactions. Daniel Carty Petitioned the lodge to become a member which the Worshipful and Brethren took into Consideration until next Lodge night.

September 9, 1760.—Lodge in due form. 12 members present. Night's Transactions.—Peter Brown petitioned the Lodge to become a member, balloted for, approved and made an "Enter de Prentice" and paid his fee.—Bro Jas. Nesbet made a Fellow Craft.

October 14, 1760.—Lodge in due form 11 members present—Night's Transactions. Richard Hog petitioned the Lodge to become a member—was balloted for, approved and made an "Enter de Prentice"

Bros. David Curry & Peter Brown Raised.

October 17, 1760.—Members Present

John McAulley	M.
Jos. Miranda	D. M.

John Biles	J. W.
James Bell	Treas.
Richard McNeall	Sec'y.

At a committee met they having agreed to get a silver Punch Ladle from Bro. David Hall and an Inkstand, and that next Thursday night we are to meet and settle the affairs of the Lodge

November 11, 1760.—Lodge in due form 15 members present among whom was Wm Ball.

Transactions.—Whereas Bro. James Alexander has for some time past behaved himself unbecoming a member of this Lodge, they on taking the same into consideration have thought proper to Raize his name out of the Book, until he complys with the Buy-Laws of this Lodge."

December 9, 1760.—Lodge in due form—15 members present.—Nights Transactions:—James Tybout was proposed to the body to become a member was Balloted for and Blacke'd.

Philadelphia, December 27, 1760.—Lodge in due form—being St John's Day. Members Present

John Blackwood	Joseph Gray
Bradford Roberts	James Nisbet
John Biles	John Wood
William Ball	Gustavus Hamilton
David Hall	Alexander Rutherford
John McAulley	Samuel Arnell
Daniel Topham	George Bartram
Samuel Watts	James Bell
Henry Dawkins	Robert Camp Thompson
Thomas Watson	John Corson
James Alexander	Richard McNeal

Transactions.

Bro. Bradford Roberts appointed Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year.—

Bro John McAulley Senior Warden

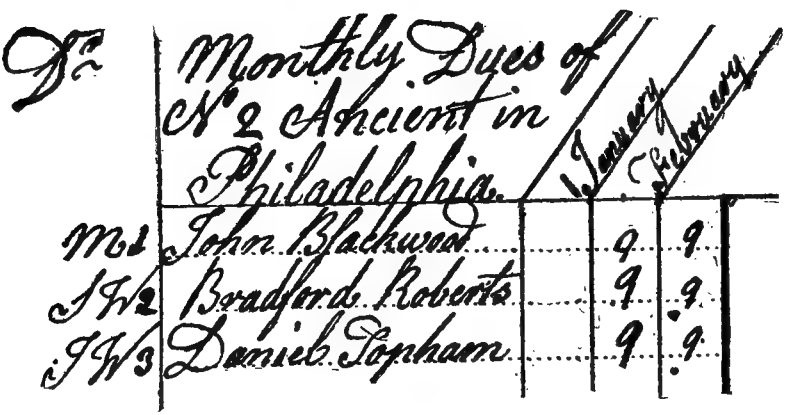
Bro Alexander Rutherford Junior Warden

Bro Daniel Topham was appointed Master of the Deputation to meet the Fourth Tuesday of the Month.

Bro Samuel Watts, Senior Warden

Bro David Hall Junior Warden

Bro. James Bell appointed Treasurer for both Meetings



Dr	Monthly Dues of No 2 Ancient in Philadelphia.	January	February
Mr	John Blackwood	9	9
JW2	Bradford Roberts	9	9
JW3	Daniel Topham	9	9

Fac-simile of Heading of First Roster as No. 2.

Bro. Richard McNeall secretary for one year more.

Bro Thomas Watson Senior Deacon.

Bro John Wood Junior Deacon.

The Roster at this time contained the names of 53 members.—

Following is the Roster of Lodge No 2 Ancients in Philadelphia for the year 1760

John Blackwood	W. M.
Bradford Roberts	S. W.
Daniel Topham	J. W.
John Biles	Treas.
James Alexander	Sec'y
Henry Dawkins	S. D.
Samuel Watts	J. D.
John McAuly	P. M.

43 Arnel Samuel
36 Ball William
39 Bell James
40 Bartram George
18 Campble John
31 Cartey Henry
16 Chattin Abraham
21 Chatten Francis
34 Cocks Edward
50 Carry David
37 Corser John
19 Crispian Samuel
25 Diemer James
12 Dill Richard
46 Ellis Richard
29 Farris William
13 Gaa William
17 Garrato William
38 Gibson James
52 Gray Joseph
35 Hall David
23 Hamilton Gustavus
9 Hollen Henry
51 Hogg Richard
41 Huston W^{m}
44 Irving David
20 Lampkin John
33 McAuly Archibald
30 McAuly Walter
22 McGlathery John
45 McNeall Richard
10 Miranda Joseph
49 Nesbet James
11 Rutherford Alexander
15 Tatam Joseph
54 Thompson Robert Camp.
24 Tomson Hugh
53 Tudor Henry
26 Vanast Isaac
48 Ward Seth
32 Watson Thomas
27 William Williams
14 Willson Randle
55 Winston Richard
42 Wood John
28 Wood Sacherarl
47 Younger Robert

The numbers correspond with such as they stood upon the Roster.

Philadelphia, January 13, 1761.—Lodge in due form.—18 members and one visitor Daniel Sturgis were present A Committee was appointed to meet on the following Tuesday to settle the Accounts of the past year and "do other business that is to do."

January 20, 1761.—The committee met according

to appointment—all officers present.—Transactions:—Settled with Bro. David Irwin, Tyler, and payed him in full, deducting his fees of Entry &c. and Monthly dues and gave him an order on the Treasurer for the balance due to him being one Pound nine Shillings & 9d.

It is agreed found necessary to have some summons printed.—Therefore have appointed Bro James Nesbet to print us Two Thousand one hundred, for which he is to be paid, Two pounds, ten Shillings.

February 10, 1761.—Lodge in due form. 13 members and two visitors, John White, W^{m} McCord.

Transactions.—Bros. Robert Campbell Thompson and Andrew Stewart were passed.—

February 18, 1761.—Lodge in due form—present 10 members and two visitors John White, W^{m} McCord

Transactions.—Bro Robt C. Thompson & Andrew Stewart were both raised Masters.

March 10, 1761.—Lodge in due form. 14 members and four visitors present.—Bros John White Benj. Steaks—Jas. Alexander, Tillerman Phenix.

Transactions.—Robert Walker having petitioned the Lodge before, was balloted for approved and made an "Enter de Prentice" paid his fees £ 3—15—0 A Committe appointed to meet upon the next Thursday.—

March 12, 1761.—The Committe met according to appointment—Members present

Bradford Roberts	Master	James Bell	Treasurer
John Blackwood	Past Master	Rich^{d} McNeall	Sec'y
Alex^{r} Rutherford	Jun Warden		

Transactions.—It is agreed by the Committe to write to No 2 in London and order a Remittance for the charges of the Grand Warrant &c and have given Brother Ball an order on the Treasurer for seven pounds seven shillings to defray the expense.—

Three pounds are ordered to be given Bro. Dill "if he is necesiated for it, for which have given Bro Blackwood an order on the Treasurer, which he is to give at his discretion.

And we have agreed to have (get) fifteen hundred summons printed according to the Patern Produced by Bro A. Stewart[1]

April 3, 1761.—The Committe again met—settled the accounts of the Lodge, and found remaining in the hands of Bro. James Bell Treasurer the sum of 21 pounds one shilling and 9 pence

April 14, 1761.—Ten members present one visitor W^{m} McCord.

Transactions.—"Balated" for and accepted according to the Laws of this Lodge and entered as an apprentice: viz Nath. Pettis—Wm Hollias, also Alx Robinson made before in a Clandestine manner.

A meeting of the Committe was appointed "on ye 17th inst which is friday next."

[1] The original plate was altered so as to read "No. 2 Ancient York Masons."

Exchange for £4.4 Sterling — Philadelphia March the 23 1761

At thirty Days Sight of this my Second Bill of Exchange
First, Third and Fourth of the same Tenor and Date not paid. Pay
Mr John Blackwood or his order in London Four Pounds Four
Shillings Sterling Value received & place the same to Account of

Sir

Your most humble Servant
Wm Ball

To Mr Thomas Wagstaffe
Watch maker
in Grace Church Street London

FAC-SIMILE OF BILL OF EXCHANGE IN PART PAYMENT FOR THE GRAND WARRANT. Original in Grand Lodge Library.

April 17, 1761.—The Committe met according to appointment and settled the business: viz:—That the Laws relative to non-appearance are Judged inconsistant with the freedom of the Craft, it is agreed that each Brother shall pay one shilling pr. Month into the Charity fund—Provided that the same be no Detriment &c.

May 12, 1761.—Lodge in Due form.—Ten members present.—

Ordered—That an order be given our Bro Hall on the Treasurer for his account—amounting to £ 4—10—0 and that Bro. Stuart make out said order.

Nights Transactions.—Richard Wagstaff balloted for three times, when one of the 8 was against him

Bro. Hamilton Tavemor preferr'd a petition to the Lodge, craving a supply to Carry him to Boston; which was taken into consideration when ye Brethr^n^ Unanimously agreed, that the sum of three Pounds, Ster^l^. be lent to our s^d^ Brother, he leaving in the hands of the Lodge, as he himself proposes a set of Chyrurgeons Instruments as a security for the Paym^t^ of s^d^. Sum, which sum shall be Remitted to this Lodge in Three Months Time, otherwise the said Instruments to be sold for the Reimbursm^t^ thereof.

Bros Bell and Stuart is appointed to transact what is necessary on this affair.—

June 8, 1761.—Lodge in due form.—14 members present.

Transactions.—Bro Jno Maxfield raised to fellow

Craft—and proposed and accepted for Sec'y and installed in the same. Bro Robert Wilson balloted for and Entered.

July 14, 1761.—Lodge in Due form.—21 members present.

Transactions.—Bro. Josiah Chatten balloted for, approved and entered Bro Robert Wilson, passed from an entered apprentice to that of a Fellow Craft —Likewise Bro Nath. Pettit.

George Martin balloted for but by reason of one black ball being found in the Box it was postponed until Next Lodge.—

July 15, 1761.—Committe met according to appointment five officers present.—

It was agreed to allow Bro Hamilton 15/ per week whilst his necessity called for it.

It was further agreed to allow the deceased Bro Browns widow as she is in great distress one pound 15 shillings being the sum which was received from him at his entrance to the Lodge. Likewise Bro. Bell was given an order for £ 4—10—0 to pay Bro Stuart his account for preparing the summons

August 11, 1761.—Lodge in due form. 9 members and too visiting brothers viz:—Jno White and James Woodhouse. No Transactions.

September 8, 1761.—Lodge in due form.—13 members present.

Nights Transactions.—Jno. Middleton Balloted for,

accepted and entered. The Charity fund Balances being moved and Refered to Thursday night next

Br. Ewing absent this Night being sick.

September 17, 1761.—The Committe met according to appointment Members Present

Jn°. McAulley	Alex. Rutherf^d^
James Bell	Jno Maxfield
Daniel Topham	

Settled acct^s^ with the Treasurer and found in his hands, which was put into ye box £ 15—14—9

N. B. Brothers George Martin and Wm Kemp to Lodge Dr } 6— 6—0

They also carried out each members Acc^t^ for Fines and Charity funds, and Brother Jas. Bell and Alex Rutherford appointed to colect the same Brother Topham applied to ye commite for ye Lent of the Sum of Ten Pounds which they agreed to upon Condition of his giving Security to the Lodge and Returning the same within the space of three Months with the lawfull Interest.

October 13, 1761.—Lodge in Due form 15 members present Bro John Blackwood in the Chair—Telamon Phoenix a visiting Brother.

Br Rutherford proposed Wm Palmer to this Body but they thought proper to enquire into his character

Th. afs^d^ Telamon Phoenix Ballated for and approved of. N. B. S^d^ Telamon Phoenix Became a member S^d^ Night.

November 10, 1761.—Lodge in due form 14 mem-

bers present. One Visiting Brother, Jno Casey of No 5 in London once master there.

Transactions.—Bro. Middleton Raised from that of a fellow Craft to that of a Master Mason.

November 17, 1761.—Extra Lodge in due Form—9 members present and John White a Visiting Brother

Transactions.—Brother Neal Morrison Raised to that of a Fellow craft &c.

December 8, 1761.—Lodge in due form. Bro Jno McAully Master and the Brethren present—Visiting Brother James Lynth

Transactions.—It is agreed that the whole body shall be Summoned to meet the 4th Tuesday of this Inst being the last meeting before St Jnos. Day. It is further agreed that a Committe is to be held on the 15th. Inst

Cash Dr		Contra Cr	
To members prst	£ 00—19—6	By Expe	£ 00—19—6

December 15, 1761.—The Committe met According to Appantmt Members present

Danl Topham Dept Jno McAully Sr Wd Alex Rutherfd Jur Wd Jno Maxfd Sectr Nathl Pettit Treasurer protempore. N. B. The Business of the Lodge was to be settled but as Bros Bell and Rutherfd hath not Collected the money from the Brethren for their fine and Charity funds the Committe hath adjourned until the 23 Inst.—

Philadelphia, December 28, 1761.—The Aniversary

Feast of St John—Lodge opened in due Form.—Members present

Br Danl Topham	Mastr	William Hollias
John McAully	S. W.	Saml Watts
Alexr Rutherford	J. W.	Nathl Pettit
Thos Watson	S. D.	William Huston
John Folwell	J. D.	John Middleton
James Bell	Treasr	Alexr Robinson
Andrew Stewart	D. S.	John Maxfield
David Hall		John White Vist Brother

Transactions.—The Lodge proceeded to the Election of a Master when our Worthy Brother David Hall was elected by a Considerable Majority and was declared duly elected and was installed in said Office accordingly The Master then proceeded to appoint the following Officers, vizt:—

Brother Andrew Stewart	Deputy Master
William Huston	Senr Warden
Nathl Pettit	Junr Warden
James Bell	Treasurer
John Middleton	Secy
John Folwell	Senr Deacon
Leonard Hayward	Junr Deacon

It was agreed that the Expenses for Eating should be taken out of the Stock which amounted to £ 3—0—0.

January 12, 1762.—Lodge met in due form. Br. David Hall in the Chair 17 Brethren and one Visiting Brother James Alexander present Mr John Thornton by petition was proposed and was Ordered

to remain on the Books till Next Lodge night Brother Josiah Chattin was raised from that of a Fellow Craft to the Degree of a Master Mason It was agreed by the Master and Brethren that all the Transactions of each night shall be entered in one Book only and it was ordered that the Books should be settled before the second Tuesday in next Month

January 13, 1762.—The Committe met by appointment Members Present Br. David Hall in the chair, William Huston, Nath[l] Pettit, James Bell. B[r] Middleton could not attend, but sent his Key.

Transactions.—Brother Pettit requested of the Lodge the Loan of the Cash in the Box upon Interest which accordingly was granted he giving his Bond upon which he received the same being £ 17—10—7½

Philadelphia, January 26, 1762.—Lodge met in due form.—Members present:—

Br David Hall in the Chair	Samuel Watts
" Alex[r] Rutherford	Thomas Watson
" Nath[l] Pettit	Andrew Stewart
" John Blackwood	John Folwell
" Leonard Hayward	Dan[l] Topham
	Jn[o] Middleton.

Transactions.—Brother Andrew Stewart was installed by our Master as Deputy master of this Lodge meeting the Fourth Tuesday in every month for the ensuing year.

Brother Thomas Watson was also installed by the Master of this Night[2] as Sen[r] Warden of afs[d] Lodge

[2] Andrew Stewart, this being the fourth Tuesday.

It was ordered that the Brethren who has any of the Constitution Books belonging to this Lodge[3] should be desired in the next Summons to return them to the Lodge.—

Philadelphia, February 9, 1762.—Lodge met in due form Members present—

Br. David Hall in the Chair	James Bell
Willm Huston	Jno Maxfield
Nathl Pettit	John Folwell
John McAulley	David Irwin
Alex^{r} Robinson	Danl Topham
Joseph Tatem	Jno Middleton
William Hollies	And^{w} Stewart
	Jno White Vist^{g} B^{r}

Our Brother Maxfield was engaged and could not attend to settle our Books according to appointment this day Month, it is ordered to be done before the next Lodge night

It was agreed that Brother David Hall, Andrew Stewart, James Bell and William Huston should be appointed Trustees for this Body and all Bonds taken for Money Lent any Brother should be taken in their names, or any three of them as Trustees afs^{d}.

It is agreed that the Instruments left in pawn by Brother Tavernier shall be disposed of by Brother Hall and Brother Stewart as soon as is convenient as he has not redeemed them according to Agreement.

[*Note.*—The meeting for the fourth Tuesday is not recorded in this minute book. The space for same however was left to insert it.]

[3] Specimen copy in Grand Lodge Library.

March 9, 1762.—Lodge met in due form—Members Present

Br. William Huston in the Chair—

Nath[l] Pettit S. W.	James Bell
Alex[r] Rutherford jr	Jno Folwell
Dan[l] Topham	Jno Middleton
Jn[o] Maxfield	

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a Fellow Crafts Lecture

March 23, 1762.—Lodge in due form—Members present

B[r] Andrew Stewart Mast[r]	Saml Watts
Dan[l] Topham	Thos. Watson
Leonard Hayward	Jn[o] Maxfield
Jn[o] Folwell	
Nath[l] Pettit	

Transactions.—Whereas for some time past the Brethren have been very backward in attending this Lodge[4] It is therefore agreed that Master[5] be acquainted in order to procure a means to Remedy the same.

April 13 1762.—Lodge in due form, members present

B[r] David Hall Mast[r]	Robert Willson
And[w] Stewart	Jn[o] Wood
Leonard Hayward	Alex[r] Rutherford
Alex[r] Robinson	Jn[o] Maxfield

[4] Referring to that section of the Lodge meeting on the fourth Tuesday.

[5] David Hall the Master of both sections of the Lodge. There does not appear to have been any lack of attendance to section meeting on first Tuesdays.

Henry Holland	Thos. Watson
George Bartram	David Curry
Jno Folwell	Saml Watts
James Bell	Henry Dawkins
Nath[l] Pettit	David Irwin
Jn° McCally	Jn° Middleton

Transactions.—B[r] Jn° Middleton Sec[y] having neglected the duty of his office and not regularly summoning the Body and also absenting himself from the Body B[r] Watts was dispatched by the Master in Quest of him, but not finding him two special messengers B[rs] Rutherford and Bartram were sent to search for and if possible to bring him before the Body to answer for his offence. But he appearing and rendering satisfactory Reasons for his Conduct was excused. It was agreed by the Master and Brethren that the whole Body should be summoned every Lodge night.

April 27, 1762.—Lodge in due form. Members present. B[r] Andrew Stuart in the Chair

David Hall	Jn° Middleton
Sam[l] Watts	Jn° Maxfield
Henry Hollen	Jn° McCaully
George Bartram	Dan[l] Topham
John Wood	James Bell
David Irwin	Nath[l] Pettit
Jn° Folwell	Jn° White V[g] B[r]

Transactions.—Brother Pettit brought in an account to the Body for a set of Casters,[6] and an order was given for payment of the same which was 15/.

Had the benefit of a Lecture on the Apprentice

[6] A set of bottles in a stand.

part. Brothers Bartram and Wood absented themselves from the Body without leave from the Chair, Ordered that they be reprimanded for the same.

Ordered, that Brother Middleton provide Necessaries for the Secretary such as Quills, Ink, &c and charge the same to the Body.

May 11, 1762.—Lodge in due form Members present.

Br David Hall Mastr.	James Bell
Andw Stewart	Jno Maxfield
Nathl Pettit	Jno McLathery.
Jno Folwell	David Irwin
Leonard Haywood	Jno Middleton
Jno Blackwood	Alexr Rutherford
	Thos Kent Vistg Bro.

Transactions.—It is ordered that a Committe meet to Morrow night[7] to settle the Business of the Lodge

May 26, 1762.—Lodge in due form. Members present

Br. Andrew Stewart Mastr	Nathl Pettit
David Hall	Saml Watts
Danl Topham	Jno Folwell
Jno Corser	James Bell
Jno Maxfield	James Gibson.
David Irwin	

Transactions.—Brother Watts mentioned one Mr Taylor who is desirous of being initiated into this Body.—Ordered that an enquiry be made concerning the same.

June 8, 1762.—Lodge in due form. Members present—

[7] There appears no record of this meeting.

B^{r} David Hall in the Chair
And^{w} Stewart
Jno Corser
Saml Watts
Jno. McCaully
Alex^{r} Rutherford
Jno Maxfield
Danl Topham
Nathl Pettit
Wm Huston
Henry Hollen
James Bell
Jno Folwell
Thos Kent V^{g} B^{r}
Jno Middleton
Henry Carty
Jno Bennet V^{g} B^{r}

Transactions.—B^{r} Bell reported to this Lodge, that one Mr Bennett was desirous of visiting us; upon which the Master ordered B^{r} McCaully & Topham to examine the s^{d} Bennett but they not returning satisfactory Accounts, it was resolved to defer his admission till farther satisfaction could be had.

Ordered.—that the members of the Committe meet here, on Friday the 11th inst at 6 o Clock precisely in order to transact some necessary and important business.

Brother John Bennett was on further enquiry admitted a Visiting Brother.—

June 11, 1762.—Committe met—Members present.

B^{r} David Hall
James Bell
Nathl Pettit
Jno Maxfield
Jno Middleton

Transactions.—Order that a copy of the Brethrens Names who have not paid their dues up to the twenty seventh of December 1761 be made out & settled, and a list of the Brethrens names belonging to this Body be made out and that the money received for sundry Instruments sold lately belonging to Br. Tavernier

be paid into the Treasurers Hands also that Bonds be made out for the Loans Ordered, that Brother Rutherford and Brother Pettit collect the list and get a Subscription of the Members who choose to dine at Br. Bells on S[t] Johns Day next.

St. John's day, June 24, 1762.—Lodge in due form Members present

Br David Hall M[r]	Henry Carty
W[m] Huston	Saml. Watts
Nath[l] Pettit	Jno Corser
Henry Hollen	Jno Wood
Jno McLathery	George Bartram
Jno Folwell	James Bell
Thos Watson	Jno Middleton
Jno McAully	
Jno Maxfield	
Joseph Tatem	

Transactions.—None.—

July 13, 1762.—Lodge in due form.—

Nath[l] Pettit in the Chair Eleven members present

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture.

July 27, 1762.—Lodge in due form—Sixteen Members present—Bro. Daniel Topham in the Chair.—

Transactions.—Capt Robert Power proposed, ballotted for and entered an Apprentice.

Cash Dr		Contra Cr	
To Br Power	£ 3—15—0	By Expences	£ 0—15—6

August 10, 1762.—Lodge in due form—fifteen members and one Visiting Brother present—Bro. David Hall Master

Transactions.—It is ordered that a committe meet on Thursday night next.—

August 12, 1762.—Committe met according to appointment. Members present—Bros. David Hall Wm Huston—Nath[l] Pettit James Bell Jno. Middleton

Transactions.—Settled with the Treasurer and find we Owe him £ 1—6—6. Drew out several accounts due for the Charity Funds.—

August 24, 1762.—Lodge in due form.—Ten Members and one Visiting Bro. Thos. Wright present. Bro Saml. Watts in the Chair.

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of an Apprentices Lecture. Capt. David Sutee petitioned the Body to be made a member if found worthy.

Brother Wright likewise petitioned to become a member.—

September 14, 1762.—Lodge in due form

Bro William Huston in the Chair Six members and visiting Bro. Wright present.

Transactions.—Bro. Wright was admitted a member of this Body.

[This shows how the two sections worked in harmony. It will be noticed that Bro. Wright was proposed in the fourth Thursday section and elected by the other section.]

September 28, 1762.—Lodge in due form.—

Br David Hall Master.	Jno Folwell
Wm Huston	James Bell
Saml Watts	John Blackwood

Thos. Watson	Wm Ball
Isaac Vanost	Blaithwaite Jones Vist. Br.
Robert Power	Jno Middleton
Jno McAully	

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of an Entered Apprentices Lecture.

Cash Dr		Contra Cr
To Bro Wright	£ 1—2—6	

October 12, 1762.—Lodge in due form—

Bro. David Hall Master—present thirteen members and Wm Speedy a Visitor.

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of an Apprentices Lecture.

October 26, 1762.—Lodge in due form

Bro David Hall in the Chair present fifteen members and Robert Freeman a Visiting Bro.

Transactions.—Mr John Child applied to the Lodge to become a Member, was ballotted for, approved and Entered an Apprentice.

Had the Benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture.

Cash Dr		Contra Cr
To Bro Child	£ 3—15—0	

November 9, 1762.—Lodge in due form—

Bro Danl. Topham in the Chair, fourteen members and Dunlap Adams a Visiting Brother present.

Transactions.—Br. Child was passed from an entered Apprentice to a Fellow Craft.—

Mess. Thos. Dundas and John Boyd were proposed ballotted for and entered as Apprentices

Ordered that the Committe meet on Thursday the 18th Instant.

Cash	Dr		Contra	Cr
To Bro Dundas	£ 3—15—0			
" " Boyd	£ 3—15—0			
	£ 7—10—0			

November 23, 1762.—Lodge in due form—Members present fifteen—three Visiting Brethren George Taylor Andrew Martin & Edward Taylor.

Br. Daniel Topham in the Chair.—

Transactions.—Bros. Boyd and Dundas pass'd from an entered Apprentice to that of a fellow Craft.

November 25, 1762.—An Extra Lodge in due form Members present

Br Daniel Topham in the Chair	Jno Maxfield
Jno McCaully	Thos Dundas
Nath[l] Pettit	Jno Boyd
Sam[l] Watts	Jno Middleton
Jno Folwell	James Bell
Alex[r] Rutherford	

Transactions.—Brs. Boyd & Dundas were raised from that of a Fellow Craft to the Degree of a Master Mason.

December 13, 1762.—Committe met according to appointment Present Bros. Hall, Topham, Stewart Pettit, Bell, Folwell and Middleton.

Transactions.—Found that B[r] Pettits Interest for the Money lent him is 18/10 to this day.

Ordered that Brother Watts provide 2 doz. of Aprons, paper, Quills Sealing wax & Ink Stand.

Also that Brother Topham get Candles made against St Johns day next.

December 14, 1762.—Lodge in due form.

Br. David Hall Mast[r] Sixteen members and two Visiting Brethren present:—Jno Taylor, W[m] Speedy.

Transactions.—Bro. Child raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

Cash Dr. to Bro Hugg his Dues to 27 Dec £ 0—12—0.

December 27, 1762.—The Anniversary Feast of S[t] John—Lodge in due form—Members Present:—

Broth[r] David Hall Master	Jno Biles
Wm Huston	Jno Middleton
Nath[l] Pettit	Jno Wood
Andrew Stewart	Henry Dawkins
Jno McCaully	Leonard Hayward
Dan[l] Topham	William Williams
Alex[r] Rutherford	Randle Willson
James Bell	Jno Child
Thomas Watson	Jno Folwell
Thos Wright	William Hollies
Alex Robinson	John Cossor
George Bartram	
David Erwin	

Visiting Brethren

Andrew Martin	Edward Taylor
Joseph Martin	John Taylor

After Dinner the Election came on for Master held by Ballotting & Brother Daniel Topham was Chosen by Majority present for the Ensuing Year, and installed in said office & proceeded to appoint the following officers. viz[t].—

Brother Alex Rutherford Sen[r] Warden
" Sam[l] Watts Jun Warden

Brother	John McCaully	Master of the Deputation[8]
"	James Bell	Treasurer
"	Thomas Wright	Secretary
"	John Folwell	Senr Deacon
"	John Child	Junr Deacon

It was agreed that the Expence of the Eating should be taken out of the Stock Amount^{ing} to

£ 3—18—0

January 11, 1763.—Lodge in due form—

Bro Daniel Topham in the Chair—present Eighteen Members, and two Visiting Brethren viz:—W^{m} McKee Lambert Tree.—

Mr Hugh Lennox petittiond this Lodge to become a member, was ballated for, Approved and Entered an Apprentice, had the benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture.

Cash Dr To Hugh Lenox £ 3—15—0

A Committe appointed to meet to Morrow Evening being 12th Inst to settle the Business of the Lodge

January 12, 1763.—A Committe met According to Appointment—Members present

Bro	Danl. Topham	Mast^{r}.	Thos. Wright	Sec^{y}
"	John McCally	D. M.	James Bell	Treasurer.
"	Alex^{r} Rutherford	S. W.		
"	Samuel Watts	J. W.		
"	David Hall	P. M.		

Transactions.

Gave Bro Diell's Wife for the relief of herself £ 1—12— 0

[8] Master of body meeting on the fourth Tuesday.

Cash in Bro Pettits hands, principal & other Money	£ 19—10— 1
ditto in Bro Topham's, hands, prin	10—12— 0
ditto in Bro Steward, hands from the sale of Sett of Instruments	5— 5— 0
ditto in Bro Rutherfords hands	1— 3— 0
ditto in The Treasurers hands	6—19— 9
	£ 43— 9—10

The Committe has thought proper to take one of Brother Diell's Children and put it out to Nurse at five Shillings pr Week—drew an Order on Brother Steward to pay the Money in his hands, he received for the Case of Instruments to Brother Watts.—drew an order on the Treasurer in favor of Brother Irwin for his Services as Tyler to this Lodge to St John's Day last being £ 6—10—0 Its also agreed that Brother Hall buy for the use of the Lodge ¼ C^t Biskett & one Cheese. It is agreed that Brother Bell. Bro Topham, Bro. Rutherford & Bro. Watts Collect the Monthly dues due to this Lodge.

January 25, 1763.—Lodge in due form—Present Twelve members, and one Visiting Brother, James Scott Bro Danl. Topham Master

Transactions.—Bro Lennox passed from an Entered Prentice to that of a Fellow Craft, had the Benefit of Fellow Craft Lecture.

Brother John McCaully install'd Deputy Master.[9]

February 8, 1763.—Lodge in due form. Members

[9] Installed Master for this Section Meeting on the fourth Tuesday.

present Daniel Topham in the Chair—Eighteen members among whom was William Ball and two Visitors viz:—Blaithwaite Jones and Lambert Tree

Transactions.—Had a Masters Lecture. Ordered that a Lett^r be wrote to the Brethren in London acquainting them of Broth^r Blackwood's Death & that they direct their Letters for the future to Brother William Ball.

February 22, 1763.—Lodge in Due form Thirteen members present and one Visitor James Scott—Danl Topham in the Chair

Transactions.—A Masters Lecture

March 8, 1763.—Lodge in due form
Daniel Topham in the Chair—nine members and two Visiting Brethren, James Scott and William Bartram present.—

Transactions.—Whereas a motion was made by Brother Alexander Rutherford that it was his Opinion that the Accustomed dues or Expences paid by the Brethren who are Entered, Passed & Raised in this Lodge to low and indeed much Inferior to that paid in other Lodges of no more age Credit or Reputation than this. And the Members Present—Seriously Considering the said Fees and Expences would greatly Inrich the Lodge and Advance the Credit and Reputation. It is therefore Earnestly Recommended by the Master & Brethren present to the Consideration of the whole Body.

And with its meeting with General Approbation.

March 22, 1763.—Lodge in due form Seventeen Members present Bro John McCally in the Chair.

Transactions.—It is agreed on acco^{t} of the Motion made Last Lodge Night that the dues for the Entering, passing and raising of a Brother from this Time, shall be the Sum of Six Pounds, and Two Shillings and Six for the Secretary as usual.

The Committe appointed to meet next Friday at Six O'Clock in the Evening. It is agreed that a Book shall be purchased to Transcribe the Buy-Laws & it request that Brother Gibson will Transcribe them.

March 25, 1763.—A Committe mett According to Appointment. Members Present

David Hall	P. Master	T. Wright	Secretary
Alex^{r} Rutherford	S. Warden	John McCally	Deputy Master
Saml Watts	Junr Warden		
James Bell	Treasurer		

It is agreed by the Committe that for the Entering, Passing & Raising a Brother from this time the dues Shall be the Sum of Six Pounds to the Box, & Two Shillings & Six pence to the Secretary.

It is also agreed that Bro. Rutherford buy a Book that the Buy-Laws are to be Transcribed in.

As Brother Steward was Ordered by a former Committe to pay the Money in his hands, to Bro. Watts, arrising from the sale of the Instruments & has not as yet Complyed.—Ordered that Bro Wright make a Demand for the same and on his noncompleance report the same to the Chair.

The persons appointed to Collect the Monthly dues finding very great Trouble in Collecting the same it is agreed by the Committe that each member shall pay the Monthly dues every three Months.

Agreed that every Brother not paying his Monthly dues once in a year, it shall be reported to the Chair & if it is thought by the Master & Brethren that such nonpayment is owing to obstinacy or neglect then it shall be ordered that he shall be asked three several times for the same and on his refusing to pay the same upon such asking then his name shall be Rased out of the Book.

The Committe have ajourned themselves till Tuesday next 29. Instant

March 29, 1763.—The Committe met According to appointment. Members Present

Dan[1] Topham	Master	Thomas Wright	Secretary
David Hall	P. Master	James Bell	Treasurer
Samuel Watts	Junior		

Transactions.—That any Brother and Antient Mason and of a Fair Character desiring to become a Member of this Body upon his Initiation shall pay the Sum of Three Pounds to the Box for the Use of the Lodge and Two Shillings and Sixpence to the Secretary. But if made in a Clandestine manner shall go through the Forms again as Customary in this Lodge.

That any Brother borrowing Money from this Lodge shall give such Security as the Trustees for

the time being shall think sufficient & it shall be the duty of the Trustees to take due care to Collect the Interest annually of such Sums of Money as may be let out. And also that such Principal & Interest shall be paid into the Body at the Experation of one year if demand by the Trustees the better to Enable them the Said Trustees to serve the other Brethren with the same if they stand in need or it shall be otherwise wanted for the Use of the Lodge.

April 12, 1763.—Lodge in due form—Members present

Br Daniel Topham Mast^{r}	James Bell
Alex. Rutherford	Andrew Stewart
David Hall	Hugh Lenox
Saml Watts	Jno Folwell
Jno McLathery	Jno Middleton
Wm Ball	Jno Maxfield
	Thos. Wright

Transactions.—Mr. Peter Osborn was balloted for & approved of.

Bro. Lennox was raised from that of a Fellow Craft to the Degree of a Master Mason.—

April 13, 1763.—An Extra Lodge in due form by order of the Master—fifteen members present—Bro Daniel Topham Master

Transactions.—There was Allegations laid against Brother Stewart about Carrying out the Transactions or some of them, and it was agreed that he had done nothing of consequence or detrimental to this Body.

A Committe appoint^{d} to meet on Monday night

next at 6 o Clock in the Evening, it is order'd by the Chair that Brother Rutherford and Brother Steward attend the Said Committe.

April 26, 1763.—Lodge in due form, Eight members present Bro David Hall in the Chair

Transactions.—None recorded

May 10, 1763.—Lodge in due Form—Eight members present—Bro Samuel Watts in the Chair—John Pindon Visiting Brother.

Transactions.—The committe is appointed to meet next Thursday week in order to reconcile the Partys now Legitimate.

May 24, 1763.—Lodge in due form Members present

Bro Daniel Topham in the Chair	John Folweil
David Hall	Alex Rutherford
Hugh Lennox	Samuel Watts
John Child	Thomas Wright
James Bell	
David Erwin	

Transactions.—It is the Unanimous Opinion of all the Brethren present that Brother Andrew Stewart has render'd himself unworthy of being a member of this Body & Accordingly it is agreed that his name should be Erased out of the list of Members, which is Accordingly done, until he makes proper Restitution & Grace be granted

June 14, 1763.—Lodge in due form.—Members present nine—Bro Alex Rutherford in the Chair, Visiting Brethren Thomas Kent—John Ent.

Transactions.—It is agreed that the Members meet on St Johns Day at four o Clock in the afternoon, appoint Bro. Watts & Bro. Robinson to go to the Brethren to know who will come on St Johns Day.

Bro Ent desires to become a Member of this Body Ordered that he remain on the Books till next Lodge night.

St Johns Day, June 24, 1763.—Lodge met in due form Members present—

Bro Danl Topham Master	Wm Ball	
John Middleton	Jno McCally	
Samuel Watts	James Bell	
John Folwell	John Maxfield	
George Bartram	John Corser	
Jno. Child	Thos Wright	
Alex. Rutherford	Thos Kent	Visiting Brothers.
Robert Wilson	Jno Davidson	
Hugh Lennox	James Scott	
David Hall		

June 28, 1763.—Lodge in due form. Ten members present Bro Danl. Topham in the Chair—John Davidson Visiting Brother.—

Transactions.—Bro. John Davidson desires to become a member of this Body. Ordered that he remain on the Books till next Lodge night.

Mr John Hagg applied to this Lodge to become a member.—

July 12, 1763.—Lodge in due form Eleven Members present Br Danl. Topham in the Chair—Visiting Brethren John Crawford, John Scott—James Scott.

Transactions.—Bro John Davidson was Admitted a member of this Body

Mr. William Ross applied to this Lodge to become a member Balletted for & Accep[t] and Enter[d] an Apprentice

Cash Dr		Contra Cr	
To Brother Ross	£ 6—0—0	By Expenses	7—6
		Bal. Due	5—12—6

July 15, 1763.—An Extra Lodge in due form seven members present—Bro Danl Topham in the Chair, Visiting Brethren John Crawford, James Scott.

Transactions.—Brother William Ross passed from an entered Apprentice to that of a Fellow Craft

Bro James Scott desires to become a member of this Lodge. Approved of and was admitted a member.—

July, 1763.—Lodge in due form Six Members present Bro Samuel Watts in the Chair—Two Visiting Brethren John Crawford & John Ent.

Transactions.—Bro. John Davidson propos'd that as George Renylds is a Mason made Clandestinely, and desires to be made again in our Body it is ordered that he lay on the Books till next Lodge night.

August 9, 1763.—Lodge in due form—Thirteen members present Bro Danl Topham in the Chair. Visiting Brethren James Grumble—Jno Crawford—John Scott—George Richie

Transactions.—George Reynolds was approved off & Entered & Passed, he being before made in a

Clandestine Manner & having passed before the same Degrees as was found on due Trial & Examination

Cash	Dr	Contra	Cr
To George Reynolds	£ 6—0—0	Bal. due	£ 6—0—0

Bro Ent desired to become a member of this Lodge N. B. The Tyler did not attend this Night.

August 10, 1763.—Lodge in due form being an Extra Lodge Nine members present—Bro Danl Topham in the Chair Visiting Brethren James Grumble—Jno. Crawford

Transactions.—Bro George Reynolds was raised from the Degree of a Fellow Craft to that of a Master Mason.—

August 23, 1763.—Lodge in due form—Seven Members present Bro. Danl Topham Master. Jno. Crawford, James Hill Clark. Visiting Brethren.

Transactions.—It is agreed that Brother Lennox be desired to act as Secretary the remainder of this Year. It is ordered that the Committe meet next Monday Evening at five o Clock.

September 13, 1763.—Lodge in due form. Fourteen members present. Bro. Alex. Rutherford in the Chair. Visiting Brethren John Crawford—John Scott.

Transactions.—Bro. Wood proposed James Abit to be made a Mason in this Lodge was Ballotted for & found worthy—and admitted an Entered Apprentice

Brother Child was appointed to serve as Secretary.

Cash Dr		Contra Cr	
To James Abit	£ 6—0—0	By Nights Expences	£ 1—2—6

September 27, 1763.—Lodge in due form. Nine Members present Bro. Alex Rutherford in the Chair —Visiting Brethren Thomas Kent—Andrew Maine—Thos. Redman—Francis Ramsay—John Crawford.

Transactions.—Bro James Abitt was passed from an apprentice to a fellow Craft—

The Committe desired to meet on Tuesday next.

October 11, 1763.—Lodge in due form. Sixteen Members present—Bro. Alex Rutherford in the Chair. —Visiting Brethren Peter Osborn—Thos. Kent.

Transactions.—Brother James Abitt was raised from a fellow Craft to a Master Mason.—

October 26, 1763.—Lodge in due form.—Members present Bro. Samuel Watts in the Chair.

Willm Ball	George Bartram
John Lampkin	Jas. Bell
David Curry	Hugh Lennox
Robert Willson	

Blaithwait Jones Visiting Brother.

Transactions.—Bro Jones desired to become a member of this Body, ordered to lay on the Books till next meeting

November 8, 1763.—Lodge in due form—fifteen Members Present Bro. D. Topham in ye Chair.

Visiting Brethren—John Wright, Thomas Bell—Thos. Redman—J. McGrugar, and B^{t} Jones.

Transactions.—Br Jones was ballatted for and Accepted a member of this Body.

Had the Benefit of an E: Prentices Lecture.

Committe appointed to meet on thursday after the next insuing.

[*November 22, 1763.*]—Lodge in due form—five members present Bro. Alex Rutherford in ye Chair. Visiting Brother Wm Spencer jun

Transactions.—Bro. John Folwell is desired to purchase Six pounds Myrtle Wax & twelve of Tallow to make Candles against next Lodge night.

December 6, 1763.—Committe met according to Apointment Members present—Danl Topham in the Chair

John McCauly—James Bell—Alex. Rutherford—Saml. Watts

Transactions.—Bro. John Biles[10] Applied to this Body for the Loane of thirty pounds, which he obtained for Six Months on giving his Bond jointly with his Brother Jonathan Biles.

December 13, 1763.—Lodge in due form, fifteen members present Bro Danl Topham in ye Chair. Visiting Brethren Thos. Redman—Joseph Bilby.

Transactions.—John Kirk ballatted for & Black'd.

The Committe is appointed to meet to morrow Evening.

December 14, 1763.—The Committe met according to appointment—Members present:—Bro. Topham in

[10] Bro. John Biles a kinsman of William Ball.

ye Chair James Bell—Sam. Watts.—John Lamkin. —John McCauly John Child

Transactions.—

Bro Topham produced an account of which is paid	£ 2—	8—	10½
Bro Watts produced an account of which is paid	1—	7—	3
Settled & Remains in ye Treasurers Hands	7—	18—	5
" " Bro. Tophams "	4—	5—	0
ditto in Bro Rutherfords	2—	1—	0
Daniel Tophams Bond	10—	0—	0
Nathaniel Pettit "	17—	10—	7½
John & Jonathan Biles Bond	30—	0—	0
	£ 71—	15—	0½

Bro Watts is desired to get Ribbons for ye Jewells against St Johns Day next.

Bro. Bell is desired to attend and get five hundred Summons struck, for his Attendance on which he is to be allowed ten Shillings per Day.

Brother Rutherford is desired to get a plate Cutt for a Certificate as ye Lodge shall Judge proper.[11]—Likewise a bottle of Ink, One box of Wafers, & three sticks of Sealing wax.

Bro. Phoenix is desired to supply the Lodge with a good Cheese & one bag of Buttered Biscuit

As tis thought Bro. John Maxfield has used this Lodge with Contempt the opinion of this Committe

[11] Specimen in Grand Lodge Library.

is that he forfeited all his rights in this body till he ask and Grace be granted.

Bro Bell & Bro Rutherford is Desired to Collect ye Dues as per List and tis ye opinion of ye Committe that they be allowed one Shilling in ye Pound for their Trouble of Collecting.

December 27, 1763.—St John the Evangelist's Day. Lodge in due Form. Members present.

Bro Daniel Topham in ye Chair.	Alex. Rutherford
David Hall	John Wood
Alexr. Robinson	John Davidson
John Middleton	Robert Wilson
Bly^th^ Jones	John Follwell
Thos. Dundas	James Bell
Saml. Watts	John Child
Telamon Phoenix	Willm Gaa
Hugh Lennox	Willm Garrat
George Bartram	John McCaluley
Henry Dawkins	David Erwin
William Ball	James Abbit
John Lampkin	

Visiting Brethren

Joseph Bilby	John Will
James Peirce	Benj. Stakes
Bro. Lethes	John Wright
Bro. Clow	

Transactions.—Brother Blaithwait Jones Elected Master

David Hall	Senr Warden
Hugh Lennox	Junr Warden
George Bartram	Senr Deacon
Robert Wilson	Junr Deacon

An Extra Lodge is appointed to meet on tuesday next uppon Business.

LODGE IN DUE FORM BEING AN EXTRA LODGE

December 30, 1763.—Members present

Brother Blaithwait Jones in ye Chair.

Daniel Topham	Telamon Phoenix
Hugh Lennox	Robert Wilson
David Hall	Alexander Rutherford
James Bell	John McCauley
John Folwell	George Bartram
John Child	David Ervin.

Transactions.—Ordered to be Lay^d^ before, and was Laid before the Lodge & takeing into Consideration a Letter rec^d^ from Grand Secretary Laurence Dermott[12] informing Us of Brother William Ball being deputed provincial Grand Master of Pennsilvania and Registered as such in the Grand Lodge Books,

We the Members present do Unanimously agree that he be saluted and Acknowledged as Such.—

January 10, 1764.—Lodge in due form Members Present

Bro David Hall in ye Chair	Hugh Lennox
Telamoon Phoenix	Alexr. Rutherford
Robert Wilson	Richard Dill
Alex^r^ Robinson	James Bell
Willm Gaa	John Folwell
Saml Watts	David Erwin
George Bartram	John Wood
John Child	

Transactions.—Bro Child acquainted ye Body that it is inconsistent with his Business to serve as Secretary to this Body any longer it is desired that another may be appointed against ye Next Lodge Night.

[12] Letter in full in next chapter.

Brother Gaa having some time ago Supply[d] this Lodge with some Jewels its desired he may be paid for them.

January 23, 1764.—Commite met according to Apointment—Members present

Bro. Blaithwait Jones Master—David Hall—Hugh Lennox,—James Bell—Telamon Phoenix—John Child.

Transactions.—It is y[e] Unanimous Oppinion of this Committe, that fourty five Pounds be made a present to the Brethren about to form themselves into a Lodge (and let the Dues be fully paid in) or that they take all the Jewells & Tools belonging to this Body.

January 24, 1764.—Lodge in due form.—Members present—Br David Hall in y[e] Chair

Telamon Phoenix	John Folwell
Alexander Robinson	Hugh Lennox
Richard Dill	John Davidson
Alex[r] Rutherford	James Bell
John Wood	George Bartram
John McCauley	David Erwin
John Child	

Transactions.—Bro. John Wood is desired to act as Secretary the Remainder of this Year in the Room of Bro Child

Henry Terhorste Petitioned to become a Member & Mason of this Body Ordered to remain on the Books till next Lodge Night.

The Lodge is desired to meet on Thursday y[e] Second day of February Next.

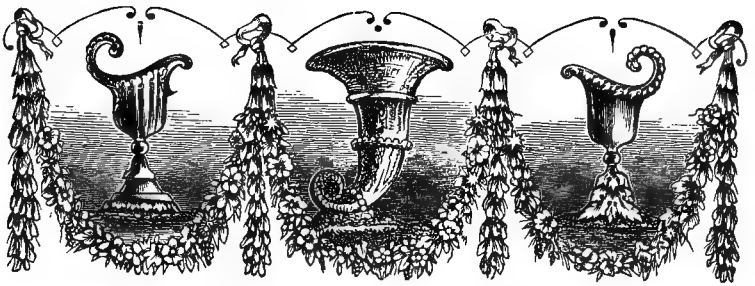
EXTRA LODGE IN DUE FORM

February 2, 1764.—Members Present Brother Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

William Ball	William Williams
Hugh Thompson	Richard Dill
John Middleton	John Folwell
Thomas Dundass	Leonard Haywood
Alexander Rutherford	William Gaa
Robert Wilson	John Child
David Hall	George Bartram
Henry Dawkins	John McAuley
Hugh Lennox	James Bell
David Erwin	John Wood.

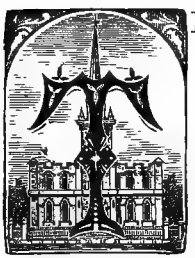
Transactions.—The Lodge confirmed their choice of Brother William Ball as provincial Grand Master of Ancient York Masons in the Province of Pensilvania *Pro Tempore,* until further Orders from England.[13]

[13] For full account of the installation see next chapter.



CHAPTER V.

The Evolution of a Grand Lodge.



THE finding of the long missing first Minute Book of "Ancient York" Masonry in Pennsylvania, commencing in the year 1757, gives us for the first time a positive insight into the earliest history and introduction of this branch of the Masonic Fraternity into Penn's Colony on the Delaware, and the establishment of an "Ancient York" Masonic Lodge within the Province. But what is of far greater importance, it tells us the whole story of the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge according to the "Ancient Constitutions," and how it evolved, so to say, out of Lodge No. 2 of the "Ancients" in Philadelphia; and, in the course of time, declaring its independence after the American Revolution, became the "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," now one of the most important and richest Grand Lodges of the Masonic Fraternity, not alone in America but

in the whole world, with 470 Lodges, and about 86,000 Brethren owing fealty to it.

As it appears from the minutes upon the yellowed pages of our old tome, as early as January 3, 1758, at the instance of Bro. John Blackwood, a member of Lodge No. 2, London, a petition was sent to the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" in London, praying for a warrant for a Lodge of "Ancients" in Philadelphia. The prayer was granted, and a warrant for Lodge No. 1 in Pennsylvania was issued; this warrant, which was No. 69 on the English register, was received in Philadephia January, 1759. Accompanying this warrant, there was also sent a set of by-laws for the government of the Lodge, which are now for the first time reproduced in this volume.

In the meantime, active efforts were made towards obtaining a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge of "Ancients" in Pennsylvania.

February 13, 1760, the members of Lodge No. 1, "Ancients," in Philadelphia balloted for a Provincial Grand Master. The choice resulted in the selection of Bro. William Ball, of Philadelphia, for that exalted office.

Bro. William Ball, one of the wealthiest land owners in the Province, was a kinsman of Bro. George Washington (whose mother was Mary Ball), and his residence was at Richmond Hall, his estate now forming a large part of northeastern Philadelphia. Bro. Ball

WILLIAM BALL.

BORN OCTOBER 26, 1729. DIED MAY 31, 1810.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA "ANCIENTS" 1761–1782. R. W. G. M. 1795.

was made a Mason in Lodge No. 2 of the "Moderns," January, 1750.

Ten years later, however, he renounced his fealty to the older system, which had flourished in Pennsylvania since 1730, and on January 18, 1760, he was entered, passed and raised in the "Ancient" way, in Lodge No. 1 of the "Ancients," in Philadelphia.

Upon the day following the selection of Bro. Ball as Grand Master, a letter was written to the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" in England, applying for a Provincial Grand Warrant; and at the same time a letter was written to Lodge No. 2 of London, asking for their good offices and intercession in the matter of obtaining the much desired document.

How Lodge No. 2 of London responded to this appeal by their Brethren in far off Pennsylvania is shown by the following entry in the minute book of the Grand Lodge of England—the original entry is in the handwriting of Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary:[1]

September 5, 1759—
Heard—A petition (for a Provincial Grand Warrant) from Philadelphia, which petition was seconded by the officers of No. 2.

Ordered that G^d^ Secretary Dermott shall draw up a proper Answer and deliver it to Brother Joseph Reed of No. 2, who is appointed to convey the said answer to Philadelphia.

[1] An attested copy of above minute is in the library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Eventually the Brethren were successful in their efforts, and a Provincial Grand Warrant for Pennsylvania was issued. This warrant, which is registered in Volume 3, Letter C, in the Records of the Grand Lodge of England, bears date July 15, 1761. It is No. 89 upon the English register and No. 1 in Pennsylvania—the Subordinate Lodge here having vacated their original number, and assumed that of No. 2, which they bear down to the present day.

This Provincial Grand Warrant, it appears, did not reach its destination in this country, as the ship bringing it over was captured by the French.

That advices of the fact of its having been granted reached this country from other sources, however, is proven by the minute in our old book, under date of March 12, 1761, wherein it sets forth:

> It is agreed by the committee to write to No. 2 in London and order a remittance for the charges of the Grand Warrant &c. and have given Brother Ball an order on the Treasurer for seven pounds, seven shillings to defray the expense.

Consequently, we are safe in dating the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge according to the "Ancient Constitutions," the immediate predecessor of our present R. W. Grand Lodge in the year 1761, four years prior to what has heretofore been the accepted date.

When it became known in London that this warrant was not received, a second warrant was issued, but this, for some unknown reason, also failed to reach

its destination; advice of its issue from the Grand Secretary, however, was received by the Brethren in Philadelphia—this letter was read at an extra Lodge held December 30, 1763, and conclusively proves to us that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was upon the register of the Grand Lodge of England as a duly warranted and accredited body, long prior to the date of the third warrant which was actually received by the Philadelphia Brethren in 1765, and has wrongfully been accepted as the date of the formation of our Grand Lodge according to the "Ancient Constitutions."

The following is a copy of the Grand Secretary's letter:

To the Rt. Worshipfull Mr. William Ball.

Grand Master of Philadelphia—Greeting

Worshipfull Sir:

I have the honor of greeting you in the name of the Grand Lodge of England, and acquainting you that on St. Johns day last, the following Gentlemen were Installed in ye Grand Lodge—London vizt:—The Right Honourable Earl Kelly &c Grand Master, Mr. William Osburn deputy G. M., Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, and Daniel Garnault, Esqr. Junr. Grand Warden.

The Bearer our Worthy Brother Capt. John Crawford has my Certificate under the Grand Lodge Seal and will inform your Worship in all matters relating to the Craft in this part of the World. The names of your Grand Officers and Secretary, signed by himself will greatly Oblige the Fraternity and

particularly him who is with the truest Esteem and Profound Respect

Rt. Worshipfull G. Master
Your Worships
Most Humble Servant
and faithful Brother
LAU. DERMOTT G. Sec'y.

London Feby. 4th, 1763.

P. S. The Grand Lodge has ordered that no Mason from America & C is capable of Joining a Lodge in England without producing a Certificate of his good Behaviour &c and hope you'l cause the like to be observed with respect of persons from England.

That this letter and request from Grand Secretary McDermott were at once complied with, is shown by the following extracts from the Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of England:[2]

Grand Lodge Minutes, 2d December 1772:

"D. G. Master Dermott laid before this Lodge a certain manuscript attested by Bro. John Wood, G. S. in Philadelphia as the Transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, commencing on the 30th day of December 1763,[3] and continued to the 30th of April 1772.

"Unanimously Agreed and Ordered that a Committee consisting of the Grand Officers should take the said Transactions, &c., into their serious consideration, and that their judjement upon the whole should be Decisive and final.

[2] Certified copy on file in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[3] It will be noted that the dates correspond with date when Dermott's letter was read before the Lodge, December 30, 1763. Cf. Henry Sadler, "Masonic Reprints and Revelations," p. 84.

ibid 15 December, 1773

"Heard the Answer sent to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to their Transactions, which was unanimously approved of."

As shown by the old Minute Book of Lodge No. 2, the Lodge, as early as April, 1760, was divided into two sections. The regular meetings were held on the second Tuesday of the month, while the second section met on the fourth Tuesday. Each section had its own set of officers, the only official who held position in both sections was Bro. James Bell, the Treasurer. Bro. William Ball was the Master of the second section.

These two sections of the Lodge were continued under the warrant of Lodge No. 2 until the close of the year 1763. Then it was decided to form a new Lodge out of the membership of Lodge No. 2. As set forth in the minutes of January 23, 1764, the separation was an amicable arrangement, the seceding Brethren being given the choice of forty-five pounds in cash, or the jewels and "tools" used by them in the Lodge.

As a result of the reading of Grand Secretary Laurence Dermott's letter at the Lodge, December 30, 1763, an Extra Lodge was called to meet February 2, 1764, presumably at Jeremiah Smith's Tavern. Upon this night there was a full attendance. The special business of the evening was nothing less than the installation of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Fortunately we have a detailed account of the solemn ceremony, which we believe to be unique in Masonic literature.

Let us draw a picture of the scene recorded upon the pages of our old Minute Book. The room dimly lit by candles, half yellow wax and half tallow, the whitened walls begrimed with tobacco smoke, the freshly sanded floor, a well filled sideboard in the north, the Pedestal with our Great Light in the center of the room, the lesser Lights also in place, the officers in their stations and places, the Brethren seated on the sides of the room, Bro. Blaithwaite Jones in the Oriental Chair.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The Lodge then proceeded to confirm Bro. William Ball as "Provincial Grand Master of Ancient York Free-Masons in the Province of Pennsylvania," and the old record further tells us, "Pro Tempore until further orders from England." This formality ended, the Brethren proceeded to install the Grand Master. A procession was formed by the Brethren as set forth in our old Minute Book.

First came the Tyler—Bro. David Erwin.

Second—two Stewards, Bros. Robert Wilson and John Child with rods.

Third—Secretary Bro. John Wood, with his book and pen, and Treasurer Bro. James Bell, with purse bag.

Fourth—Bro. John Middleton, with the First Great Light.

Fifth—Bros. George Bartram and John Folwell, with the Second Great Light.

Sixth—Bro. Hugh Thompson, as First Warden.

Seventh—Bro. David Hall, Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Hugh Lennox, Junior Grand Warden.

Eighth—Bro. Alex. Rutherford, with Sword of State, and Bro. John McAuley, with Book of Constitution.

Ninth—Bro. Alexander Rutherford, Woshipful Master of Lodge 2, and Bro. William Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master-Elect.

After moving around the room three times, the Brethren were seated, and the Grand Secretary, by order of Worshipful Master Rutherford, proclaimed Bro. William Ball Grand Master of Ancient York Masons for the Province of Pennsylvania, after which the Grand Master expressed his thanks to the Brethren, and was accorded the homage of the Craft in due and ancient form.

The procession was then marshaled as before, and proceeded three times around the Lodge.

Thus ended the ceremony of installing the first Provincial Grand Master "according to the Ancient Institutions," in Pennsylvania.

The first official act of the newly installed Grand Master was to constitute the Brethren demitting from Lodge No. 2 into a separate and independent Lodge,

which was to be known as Lodge No. 3, "Ancient York Masons." Bro. John McAuley was constituted Master of the new Lodge. Bro. McAuley, it will be noted, was Junior Warden, when the Lodge was warranted by Grand Master William Allen of the "Moderns," in 1757.

At the meeting held February 14, 1764, Bro. McAuley, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 3, informed the Grand Lodge that they had selected the third Tuesday of the month as the time for their stated meetings.

It is not known who composed the first set of officers of Lodge No. 3, beside the Worshipful Master, Bro. McAuley, nor has the wording of the original warrant or dispensation, under which the Lodge was held, been preserved.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1764, at the regular election held, the following officers were chosen:

Bro. Samuel Watts, W. M.
" John Folwell, S. W.
" Henry Dawkins, J. W.

These Brethren were presented to the Right Worshipful Grand Master at an Extra Grand Lodge, held January 1, 1765, and were duly installed by him in the ancient way.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were:—

Bro. William Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master.
" Blaithwaite Jones, Deputy Grand Master.

N° 1 in Pensilvania

fully GRAND

William Dickey S.G.W. Wm. Osbo

TO ALL WHOM

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Frater
by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York, In the year of our L
thousand, Nine hundred, Twenty and &c. In ample form Assembled viz.
Lord Baron of Polinwerin &c in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons
Mr William Dickey Senr G. Wardon, And the R. Worshipfull James G
Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster
or hereafter may become Inhabitants on the Province of Pensilvania To
Province Independent of any former Dispensation, Warrant or Constitution, g
Constitute and Appoint Our Trusty and dearly beloved Brother The R. Wo
aforesaid and the Territories thereunto belonging, Our Trusty and well beloved
Our Trusty and well beloved Brother Mr David Hall his Senr Gr
his Junr Grand Wardon. &c And we do hereby farther Authorise and Impow
Captain Blathwaite Jones and David Hall & Hugh Lemoe To Grant Dispensations, War
Worship's Jurisdiction aforesaid And in his or such other Lodge or Lodges by
Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughou
Worshipfull Provincial Grand Lodge of Pensilvania To hear and determine
aforesaid Strictly requiring all our Loving Brethren within the said Jurisdiction
that shall from time to time be Ordered, Ignored, or Decreed by the said R. W
And lastly, We do hereby further Authorise and Impower our Said Trusty
Blathwaite Jones David Hall & Hugh Lemoe with advice
Chuse and Install their Successors, To whom they shall deliver this Warrant,
Successors shall in Likemanner Nominate, Chuse, and Install their Succe
yearly's) day, During the Continuance of this Lodge for Ever. Prob
To this Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of
in London the Twentieth day of June In the Year of our Lords One thous

N.B. this Warrant is Registerd
in the G. Lodge in London Vol. 3d Letter C.
and bears date July 15th 1761

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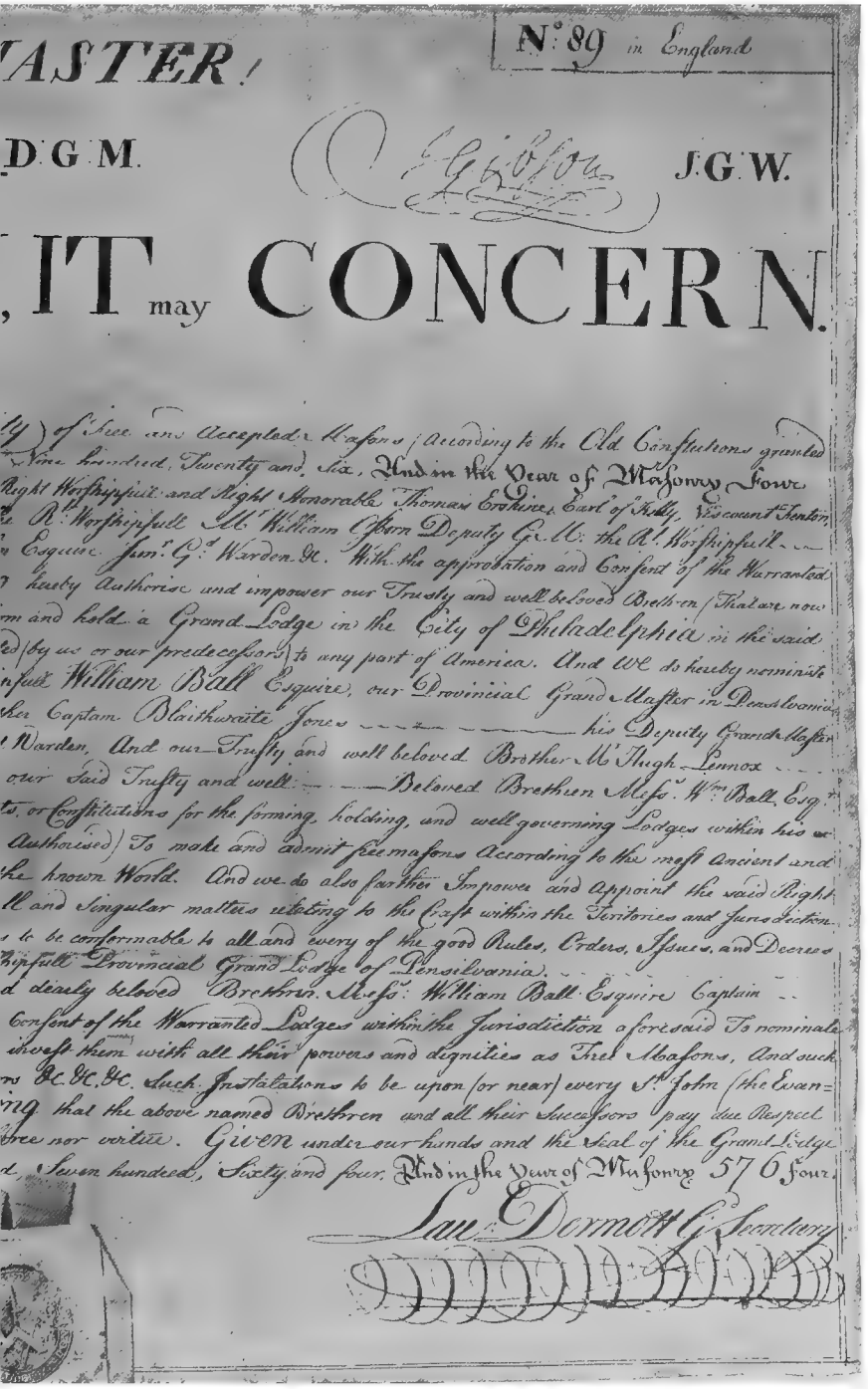

MASTER!

N° 89 in England

D.G.M.

J.G.W.

IT may CONCERN.

ly) of Free and Accepted Masons (According to the Old Constitutions granted
Nine hundred, Twenty and Six, And in the Year of Masonry Four
Right Worshipfull and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton
R.t Worshipfull Mr William Osborn Deputy G.M. the R.t Worshipfull
Esquire Jun.r G.r Warden &c. With the approbation and Consent of the Warranted
hereby Authorise and impower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren (That we now
rm and hold a Grand Lodge in the City of Philadelphia in the said
ed (by us or our predecessors) to any part of America. And we do hereby nominate
rfull William Ball Esquire, our Provincial Grand Master in Pennsylvania
ther Captain Blaithwaite Jones ——— his Deputy Grand Master
Warden, And our Trusty and well beloved Brother Mr Hugh Lennox
our said Trusty and well ——— Beloved Brethren Mess.rs Wm Ball, Esq.r
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ing that the above named Brethren and all their Successors pay due Respect
Free nor virtue. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge
d, Seven hundred, Sixty and four. And in the Year of Masonry 5764 Four

Law. Dermott G. Secretary

761, BY THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, ACCORDING TO
D LODGE IN PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 15, 1761.

Bro. David Hall, Senior Grand Warden.
" Hugh Lennox, Senior Junior Warden.
" John Wood, Grand Secretary.

The next Lodge warranted by our Grand Lodge was one located at Cantwell's Bridge, now Odessa, in Newcastle County, Delaware.

This dispensation was granted on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1765, and was registered as Lodge No. 5. The officers were:

Bro. William Bradford, W. M.
" Peter Wyatt, S. W.
" Duncan Beard, J. W.

For some reason the number "4" was held vacant by the Grand Lodge for some years. The cause for this action cannot be given at the present day, except perhaps that it was thought desirable to keep the first three Lodges in numerical order in Philadelphia.

At the meeting held September 10, 1765, the minutes of Lodge No. 5 were read before Lodge No. 2, and ordered to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

As was before stated, the two first Provincial Grand Lodge warrants issued by the Grand Lodge in England failed to reach their destination. It was late in 1764, or some time during 1765, when the *third* warrant, which bears the date June 20, 1764, was received. This venerable document is still in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and is here reproduced in reduced fac-simile.

There was also received, during the year, the fol-

lowing interesting letter from Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England; it was addressed to Bro. William Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master, and explains the trouble about the delay and non-receipt of the first two warrants for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This letter was written after the third warrant had been sent to Philadelphia.[4]

LONDON January 11th 5765

Rt. Worshipful Sir

Permit me to return you my sincere thanks for your very kind letter & assure you that your Warrant has not been retarded thro: any neglegence or Omission of mine. this will be more evident when I declare upon the word of a Man that I have wrote these Warrts. for you, the first I delivered to the then Grand Officers in the presence of Joseph Read (of the lodge No. 2) who was the person that made application for it. and am told the Ship & Warrant was taken by the French—The Second Warrant I delivered to the Senr. Grand Warden (now Deputy) and he to his Sect. and from whence God knows. all the account I can give of it is, that I suppose it was mislaid and consequently lost. doubtless you'll wonder why this seeming neglegence, if so I beg leave to make a remark which you little expect.—first I give you to understand that your application was made in a wrong Corner I mean the Lodge No. 2 (who were compo'd of very poor Mechanicks (tho. honest men) and complain'd of a great harpship on them in subscribing 2″ 6 pence each for the first Warrant that was sent to Philadelphia.

There were two Capital payments made of that great sum

[4] Original in Archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

which did not amount in the whole to 2.14.0. and about 3 shills left unpaid to this day. however the brethren of philadelphia refunded the Cash which doubtless was Joyfully Recd. The Second Application was made to No. 2 for a provincial Gd. Warrant without any notice taken of the Grand Lodge. however I was order'd to prepare the warrant which I accordingly did and delivere'd it as above, and upon hearing that it was lost I Recd Orders to make out another, which I accordingly did and delivered as before related. Brother Joseph Read having Recd Money from philadelphia to pay for provincial Gd. Warrant was call'd on to pay the same absolutely refused to pay one farthing until the Gd. Officers wou'd first produce a Receipt under your hand that you had Received the said provinl. Grand Warrant. This being A matter unprecedented as well as disagreeable in the proposal had a sensible effect upon Gentlemen who thought it not altogether Consistant with their duties as Gd. Officers To send ventures of Masonry abroad to persons who had a warrant (and consequently knew where and who to address) yet did not think it worth while to write to them. Ho'ever now it is all over and everything is made agreeable and I hope will continue so, between the Gd. Lodges of London and Philadelphia. I shou'd not have mention'd these matters was it not that I think it my duty to give you the best intelligence in my power. But to Conclude I procured this last warrant and sent it Per philadelphia Pacquet Captain Buden the Expense of the Warrant and Registry &c comes to 3.10.6, I have also sent 1: Doz of Constitution Books sold in London at 5s a piece and One Book bound in blue Morocco and gilt which I beg you' ll take care of for the Owner whoes Name you'll find in Gold letters in the inside of the Cover. I am with all due respect Rt. W: G. M: Your devoted humble servt &c

LAU: DERMOTT G. S.

P. S. as this Letter is Design'd for your worship's perusal only, it is my earnest desire that you repeat no grievance. That you will do me Justice in Assuring the Society that next to God I love the Brotherhood.

And finally if you have any business (within my power to Transact in London), command me without reserve.

Although Lodge No. 3 was duly constituted some months before the third Provincial Grand Lodge warrant finally reached Philadelphia, February 2, 1764, and its officers duly installed by the Grand Officers in the Grand Lodge, a regular warrant was not issued until several years later. This document, the oldest American Masonic warrant known, according to the "Old Constitutions" bears date October 20, 1767, and is here reproduced verbatim for the first time from the original copy in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

WM BALL, P. G. M.[5]

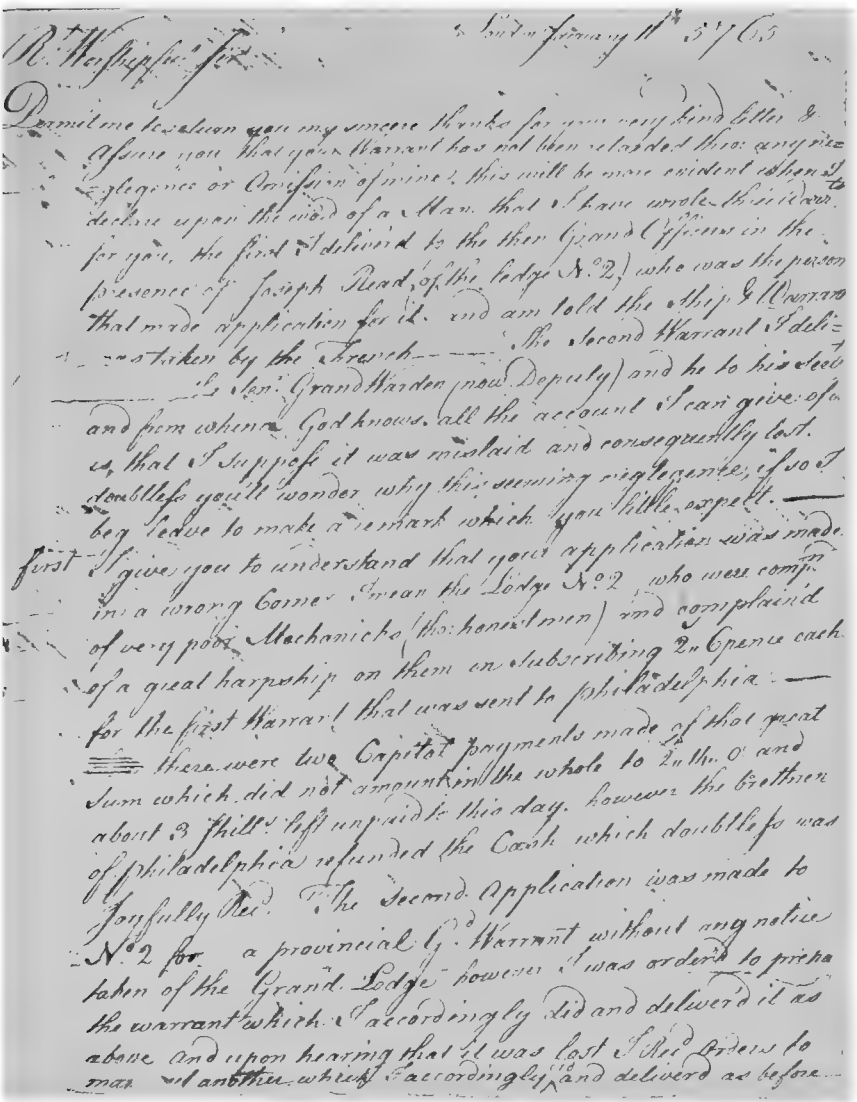
BLAITHEWAITE JONES, D. G. M.

DAVID HALL, S. G. W. HUGH LENNOX, J. G. W.

To all whom it may concern—

We the Grand Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia for the Province of Pennsylvania according to the Old Constitution and by virtue of a Provincial Grand Warrant to us granted under the Hand & Seal of the Right Worshipfull and Right Honorable Grand Lodge of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in London (Great Britain) whereof the Right Worshipfull and Right Honourable Thomas Erskine Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Barran of Pitten

[5] P. G. M. = Provincial Grand Master.



LETTER FROM LAURENCE DERMOTT, GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE (ANCIENTS) OF ENGLAND TO WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY IN THE ARRIVAL OF THE WARRANT FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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Letter
To William Batt Esqr
G M

Weem &c was then Grand Master of Masons; the Right Worshipfull William Osbourne Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipfull McWilliam Dickey Senior Grand Warden and the Right Worshipfull James Gibson Esquire Junior Grand Warden Constituting and appointing, the Right Worshipfull William Ball Esquire Grand Master for the Province of Pennsylvania and territories thereunto belonging, the Right Worshipfull Blaithwaite Jones Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipfull David Hall Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipfull Hugh Lennox Junior Grand Warden with full Power to Grant Dispensations, Warrants or Constitutions for the forming holding and well governing of Lodges by them authorised as will more fully appear by said Warrant, Reference being thereunto had—

Now wee, the Grand Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia, together with the consent of all the Regular Lodges under our Constitution by Virtue of the above mentioned Warrant, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint our dearly beloved and worthy Brother Hugh Stewart Master of Lodge No. 3 to be held in the City of Philadelphia in the above Province, our trusty and well beloved Brother Robert Moore Senior Warden, our trusty and well beloved Brother George Hawkins Junior Warden with full power to hold their Lodge in the City aforesaid, to make and admitt Free Masons according to the most ancient and honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. Wee do further empower the now present officers as well as those who may succeed and reside officers of said Lodge No. 3 under this Warrant together with the members thereof to hear and determine all Matters of Masons or Masonry within the Limits or Jurisdiction of this Warrant, strictly requiring every Brother as member of said Lodge to be conformable to all and every the good Rules of the same,

and all Issues and decrees, that shall from time to time be issued or decreed, by the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—and Lastly Wee do hereby Order, authorise and impower our dearly beloved Brethren Hugh Stewart, Robert Moore and George Hawkins together with the members of said Lodge No. 3 to Nominate chuse and Install their Successors to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with all their powers and Dignities as free Masons, and such successors in like manner shall nominate, chuse and Install their successors &c &c &c. such Installation to be upon (or near) every St. John the Evangelist's Day during the Continuance of this Lodge for Ever. Provided the above named Brethren and all their Successors pay due respect to the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge for whom they have this authority, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1767 and the year of Masonry 5767.

(L. S.) Jno. Wood G. S.

How the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania extended its Masonic jurisdiction beyond the bounds of the Province, is shown by the number of warrants granted to country Lodges in the early days of its existence, prior to warranting the third Lodge, "N° 4," in Philadelphia, viz:

Lodge No. 5, Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware, June 24, 1765.

Lodge No. 6, Georgetown, on the Sassafras River, Eastern Shore, Maryland, May 23, 1766.

Lodge No. 7, Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland.

Lodge No. 8, Philadelphia County, June 24, 1766: Bro. Patrick Anderson, W. M.; Bro. Myrick Davis, S. W.; Bro. Joseph Richardson, J. W.

Lodge No. 9, Lancaster, Pennsylvania [1766],[6] returned Dec. 18, 1779.

Lodge No. 10, Baskinridge, New Jersey, 1768.

Lodge No. 11, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, granted August 17, 1768, surrendered December 24, 1781. Reissued to Brethren in London Grove Township, Chester County, February 16, 1782: Bro. Wm. Finsley, W. M.; Bro. Ezekiel

[6] From the following Minute on the books of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge it appears that a warrant or dispensation for a Lodge at Lancaster was granted. The proper date for this Warrant is undoubtedly some time during 1766. (Cf. Minutes of Lodge No. 2.)

"PHILADELPHIA, July 27, 1780.

"A petition signed by Brothers D. Copeland, Joseph Page, Ambrose Croker, Jacob Diegel, James Thompson, Jacob Frank, John Service, and Matthew Whitehead, of No. 4, with an affectionate and honorable Recommendation from the Masters and Wardens of that Lodge, praying to be constituted into a new Lodge, was read; and the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted that a warrant be granted agreeable to the Pray'r of the said Petition, which warrant is to be numbered Nine—the Warrant of that number formerly granted for the Borough of Lancaster having been call'd in and Surrendered to this Lodge about ago, and no application made for renewal of same."

Bower, S. W.; Bro. Richard McGuffin, J. W.

Lodge No. 12,[7] Winchester, Virginia, granted October 4, 1768. Bro. James Gamut Dowdall, W. M.; James Lindsay, S. W.; Samuel Dobie, J. W. Surrendered January 5, 1807.

Lodge No. 13, Philadelphia, July 29, 1769:[8] Bro. John Deas, W. M.; Bro. John Hoodloss, S. W.; Bro. Jeremiah Swain, J. W.

Lodge No. 14, Christiana Ferry, afterwards at Wilmington, Delaware, December 27, 1769: Bro. Hugh McConnell, W. M.; Bro. Jonathan Jerdan, S. W.; Bro. Joseph McGarraugh, J. W.

Lodge No. 15, Fell's Point, Maryland, January 28, 1770.

It will be seen from above list, that all of these Lodges antedate the warranting of Lodge No. 4, so-called, in Philadelphia. A full account of the formation of this Lodge forms the subject of another chapter of this volume.

By a curious coincidence, the date of warranting most or all of these Lodges is synonymous with that

[7] In the published list of warrants granted, the number 12 appears to be duplicated: viz., No. 12, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. No record whatever of any such warrant is to be found in the Book of Warrants.

[8] Cf. Minutes of Lodge No. 2, October 10, 1769.

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of meetings of Lodge No. 2. So intimately was Lodge No. 2 connected with the Grand Lodge, that it is often difficult to know just which body the minutes allude to, as both bodies were often held upon the same night, when Lodge No. 2 was apt to close and the Grand Lodge opened—all members of the Grand Lodge being or having been members of Lodge No. 2.

How close the connection between the Grand and Subordinate Body was, is best illustrated by reference to the Minute Book of Lodge No. 2, viz:

March 11, 1768. "This Lodge closed and a Grand Lodge opened to do the Business."

August 11, 1768. "N. B. This entry is a mistake being the business of the Grand Lodge."

Further, how intimate the intercourse and bond, was at that time between our American Lodges and the European Brethren who held fealty under the Grand Lodges abroad "according to the old Constitutions" is shown by an edition of the Ahiman Rezon published at Dublin in 1770 "for the use of all Lodges in England, Ireland and America."

A fac-simile of the title page of this rare volume in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is here reproduced, also the didication.

As St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1772, fell upon a Sunday, the installation and attendant festival was held upon the following day, Monday, December 28. Lodge No. 2 was opened in ample form, at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the var-

ious officers were installed in due and ancient form, and the appointments made.

A warrant having finally been granted to the Brethren in Philadelphia for a Lodge to be known as Lodge No. 4, it bore date St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 28, 1772. The officers named therein will be recognized as prominent factors upon the pages of our old Minute Book, viz:

Bro. Stephen Cronin, W. M.
" Daniel Topham, S. W.
" Robert Bunbury, J. W.

At five o'clock, the Grand Lodge was opened, and the Brethren were joined by those of Lodges No. 3 and No. 4, the latter Lodge presenting their officers for installation.

After the Grand Lodge was closed, the social feature was attended to, and the annual festival held with more than usual eclat.

That mine host of "ye Sign of Sir John Falstaff" had made ample provision for the Brethren, is shown by the following memorandum found between the pages of our old ledger, viz:

Gammon (Ham)	£ 0—12—6
Veal	10—9
1½ Gall (Brandy)	11—3
¼ Hund Limes	3—9
Bread	4—0
4 Galls Beer	10—8
¼ hund Pickles	1—10

Vinegar & Mustd	—11
Candles	2—10
1½ Sugar	2—0
Attendance of Boy to bring home the Goods & to the Lodge.....	7—6
	£ 3— 8—0

To the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

PAST MASTER, MASTER,

WARDENS and BRETHREN

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Ireland.

SIRS *and* Brethren,

TO whom could I poſſibly (with greater Propriety) dedicate this Edition of *Ahiman Rezon* with Additions, than to you who have confeſſedly conſtituted and eſtabliſhed one of the firſt Lodges of *Free* and ACCEPTED MASONS, in the three Kingdoms; a Lodge, that has been productive of the moſt munificent Acts of Charity and Benevolence.

YOU have, Gentlemen, *releaſed the Priſoner*, *comforted the Weary*, and given Food and Raiment to the *Hungry and the Naked*. Your Lodge has been the happy Aſylum to Strangers, "friend-

a 2 "leſs!

" lefs! till their propitious Stars direct-
" ed them to you:" You pay no particular Attention to Country, Religion, or to Station, but are happy in diffufing Blifs indifcriminately to all the honeft and worthy of every Denomination, of every Country, of every Perfuafion, and of every Rank.

And you have not only eftalifhed one of the moft refpectable and numerous Lodges in the World, in DUBLIN, but you have been the glorious Means of reviving the Royal Craft all over this Kingdom; and Lodges which have long lain dormant and neglected, are now forming and reconftituting with redoubled Ardour; indeed 'tis now not only honourable but fafhionable to be a Free-Mafon. Go on and profper, and may your Endeavours to illumine the hitherto unenlightened Part of Mankind meet with that Succefs the generous Undertaking defervés.

Which are the earneft Wifhes and Prayers of,

GENTLEMEN *and* BRETHREN,

Your affectionate BROTHER,

And obedient humble Servant,

THE EDITOR.

After dinner was disposed of, the flowing bowl passed around, and healths were drank to the Grand Masters of England and Pennsylvania. During the evening, the following ode was sung, it being especially composed for the occasion:

RECITATIVE.

Behold the social band appears!
Imparting joy, dispelling fears!
And wak'd by duty and by choice,
Command the sons of freedom to rejoice.

SONG.

Boast not, mortals, human skill,
If the sculptur'd dome you raise,
Works of art by fancy's will,
Lead us oft thro' folly's maze.
What if Phidia's chissel guide!
What if Titian's pencil grace?
Marble flatters but our pride,
Bane of all the human race!

RECITATIVE.

'Tis from the watchful culture of the mind,
A well-directed soul, a sense refin'd,
That heav'nly virtues spring to grace the man;
This be our noblest conflict and our plan!

AIR.

Let the diamond's lustre blaze,
Call its water bright and clear,
But confess the greater praise,
Rests on pity's tender tear,
May the social virtues bind,
Tune each sympathetic heart,
Raise the feeble, lead the blind,
Wipe the tear that swells to part.

RECITATIVE.

Ye blessed ministers above,
Who guard the good with purest love,

Propitious hear the notes of praise,
While Briton's sons their voices raise.

AIR.

Blessings await this Western Land,
Blessings o'erflow with lib'ral hand,
Commerce uprears our infant state,
And golden currents make us great;
Fair science lifts her head and cries,
"I come to make you good and wise:"
These be the glories of each day,
Marking our Monarch's gentle sway.

RECITATIVE.

Our social band, by love and honor join'd,
Unite their zeal, as friend to human kind:
The mystic sense is out, the sign does move,
Behold the sign! Peace, Harmony and Love.

DUETTO.

Let the day be ever prais'd
When the Royal Craft was rais'd,
Let the social virtues shine,
Doing good is sure divine.

CHORUS.

Give the heroes all their due,
Twine their brows with laurels, too;
But shall we no laurels find,
For our love to human kind?
Let the social virtues shine,
Doing good is sure divine.

The earliest regular minutes we have of the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Territories

Thereto Belonging," commence July 29, 1779. Prior to this date, three other Lodges were warranted by our Grand Lodge, viz:

Lodge No. 17, Chester Mills, Queens Town, Queen Anne County, Maryland, September 16, 1773.

Lodge No. 18,[9] Dover, Kent County, Delaware; Bro. Mark McCall, W. M.; Bro. George McCall, S. W.; Bro. Henry Bell, J. W.

Lodge No. 19, A regimental warrant for the Pennsylvania Artillery, May 18, 1779.

The officers of the Grand Lodge, as chosen in 1764, appear to have remained in their respective stations until 1770, viz:

Bro. William Ball,[10] Grand Master.

[9] Minute book in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[10] Bro. William Ball, the first Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania according to the Ancient Constitution, was originally made a Mason in Lodge No. 2 of the Moderns, his petition was dated December 27, 1750. He was entered January 9, 1750/1, passed February 13, raised March 13th of same year.

As shown by our minutes on January 10, 1760, he was regularly entered, passed and raised in the "Ancient" way. It is a curious fact that although Bro. Ball joined our "Ancients" in 1760, he remained a member of the "Modern" Lodge No. 2 until June 24, 1763, and paid his dues regularly, as is shown by the old Ledger in our archives.

Bro. Ball served longer in the office as Grand Master than any other incumbent. As Provincial Grand Master he served continuously from 1761 to 1781, and after the Grand Lodge became an independent one, he was again called upon to serve as Grand Master during the year 1795.

Bro. Wm. Ball was the son of William Ball, a merchant and planter (b. Sept. 12, 1686; d. Sept. 8, 1740), who purchased, March 21, 1728/9, the "Hope Farm" a manor created by patents under Governors Lovelace and Andross from the Duke of York. This manor was situated in Shackamaxon (afterwards the Districts of Richmond and Kensington) and contained 676 acres besides the flats thereunto belonging. This tract was successively known as "Richmond," "Port Richmond" and "Balltown," all of which is now consolidated within the City of Philadelphia.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest son of the emigrant (b. Oct. 6, 1729), married Elizabeth Byles, a niece of Mather Byles, D.D., of Boston, Mass. Bro. Ball learned the goldsmith trade and was a member of that Guild at London. There are evidences that Bro. Ball in his younger days practiced his profession in Philadelphia, but retired from active business in middle life. However in the Great Federal Procession, July 4, 1788, Brother Ball as senior member of the Section of Goldsmiths, Silversmiths and Jewelers, walked in front of the section carrying a golden urn.

Bro. Ball was one of the richest men in the Province, the whole of his father's estate eventually coming into his possession. The seat of the Ball family was known as "Richmond Hall" and stood within what is now the Reading Railroad property. His town house was on the north side of Market St. (old number 41), about halfway between Front and Second Street.

Bro. Ball died on the 30th of May, 1810, in his 81st year and was buried with full Masonic honors on the following day, in the Grave Yard of the First Baptist Church then in Fromberger's Court (later known as LaGrange place) west of Second Street below Arch Street. Bro. Ball's remains rested here until the church and graveyard were sold in 1862, when the remains and tombstone were removed to Laurel Hill. For a full account of his burial see Volume II., reprints of Minutes of Grand Lodge, pp. 458 et seq.

Bro. Ball, appears to have died a widower, leaving a will dated December 4, 1809, proved June 2, 1810 (Will Book 3, p. 193), by which he devises the bulk of his estate to the children of his nephew, Joseph Ball. An association has lately been formed to recover the landed estates of William and Joseph Ball, and a volume has been published in their interest, "A Pennsylvania Pioneer" (Mansfield, O., 1900).

Bro. Blaithwaite Jones, Deputy Grand Master.[11]

[11] Bro. Blaithwait Jones, was a son of Gibbs Jones, and grandson of John Jones, one of the early Colonists, a member of the Common Council in 1691, Alderman 1701, and Justice of County Courts to 1707. Bro. Jones, child of Gibbs and Jane (Crapp) Jones, b. Philadelphia, June, 1726, baptized in Christ Church when six weeks old, July 21, 1726.

From the correspondence in the Records of Lodge No. 2 it appears that Bro. Jones in his younger days followed the sea, and was made an "Ancient" Mason in either England or Ireland. He is noted as a visitor in Lodge No. 2 at different times, and petitioned for membership October 26, 1763, ballotted for and approved November 8, 1763, and elected Worshipfull Master December 27, 1763, and a year later appears as Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, an office which he held for a number of years. Brother Jones was one of the most active and enthusiastic Freemasons in the province as appears from our records. When the American Revolution broke out he espoused the cause and was an ardent patriot during that struggle.

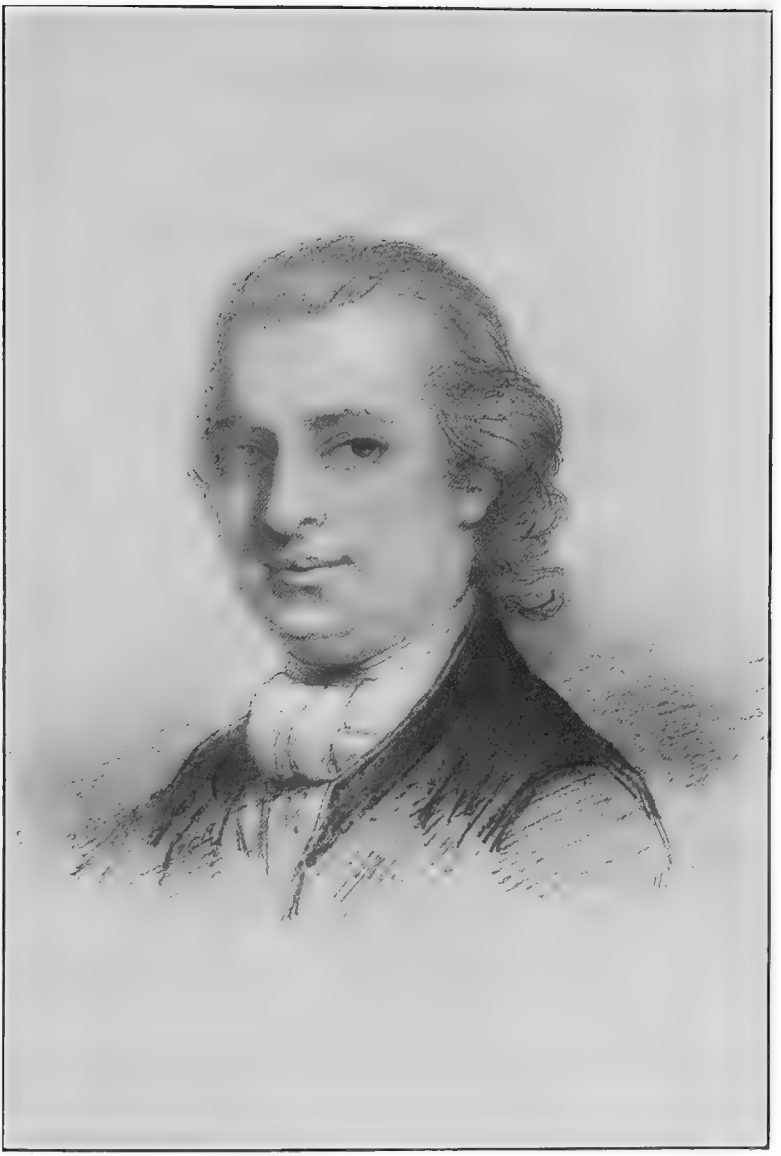
When Congress ordered that fortifications be constructed at Billingsport, for the defence of Philadelphia Bro. Blaithwait Jones was selected to direct the work as is shown by the Minutes of the Council of Safety, under date 15 February, 1777:

"*Resolved,* That Blaithwaite Jones Esq., be appointed Chief Engineer at Billingsport, with Rank, pay, and Rations of a Lieu't Colonel; and all Officers and soldiers under his Command, as well as Workmen employ'd there, are to obey him as such, until the Fortifications at that place are Compleated, or until it shall be otherwise ordered by proper Authority.

"At the Meeting of the Council at Lancaster May 11—1778 Lieut. Col. Jones attended the Meeting—and requested either the whole or part of the pay due him.

"The Council taking the same into Consideration, and it appearing that he was appointed by the late Council of Safety, on the 15th of February 1777, as an Engineer for the Fortifications at Billingsport, to continue until the same shall be completed, or until otherwise ordered by proper Authority.

"Ordered, That Lieut. Col. Blaithwaite Jones be allowed pay until this day, & that as the service to which he was appointed hath ceased, that he be discharged.



BLAITHWAITE JONES.

BORN JUNE, 1726. DIED AUGUST, 1789.

FIRST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Bro. David Hall,[12] Senior Grand Master.

"That Col. Jones be informed at the same time, that this Council is disposed to employ him in such department as may require his abilities, as occasion shall offer—"

It does not appear that Bro. Jones was able to get the money due him at the time, as shown by the following minute in Supreme Executive Council just ten years later.

"The Comptroller General's report upon the account of Blaithwaite Jones for his services as an Engineer employed at Billingsport and other places on the Delaware, in the years 1777 and 1778, was read and approved, and an order drawn for Eighty pounds, in part of the ballance due upon the same. A certificate to issue for the Remainder."

The date of Bro. Jones death does not appear to be known, except that he died before August 10, 1789, as shown by a petition to Orphans' Court, by widow of Capt. Gibbs Jones, a son of Bro. Blaithwaite Jones, and also a former member of Lodge No. 2.

Dr. John B. Shober a great-great-great-grandson of Bro. Blaithwaite Jones, is a member of University Lodge No. 610 of Pennsylvania.

[12] David Hall, the first Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the old Constitution, known as the Ancients, was made a Mason in Lodge No. 2 Ancients. The date of his petition and entering does not appear to have been recorded in the minutes. He was, however, passed to Fellow Craft at the regular meeting January 6, 1760, and raised to Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on the following 12th of February. He served as Master of the Lodge from December 27, 1761, to same date, 1762. He also served as Senior Warden of his Lodge from December 27, 1763, to same date, 1764, being reëlected to both stations in the June elections of both years. December 27, 1765, he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, serving until December 27, 1769.

Brother David Hall was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1714, d. Philadelphia, December 24, 1772. He learned the printing business at Edinburgh, and as a journeyman worked with Strahan in London. He came to America about 1747 and entered into partnership with Benjamin Franklin, which was dissolved in 1766, and formed another with William Sellers. This firm published the *Pennsylvania Gazette* and printed the paper money during the Revolutionary War. He also conducted a large book and stationery store on the north side of High (Market) St. east of Second St.

Bro. Hugh Lennox,[13] Junior Grand Warden.
" John Wood, Grand Secretary.

No records for 1771 have come to our notice.

In the year 1772, however, changes appear in the personnel of the officers, viz:

Bro. William Ball, Grand Master.
" John Wood, Deputy Grand Master.
" William Shute,[14] Senior Grand Warden.
" John Howard, Junior Grand Warden.
" James Fullton, Grand Secretary.

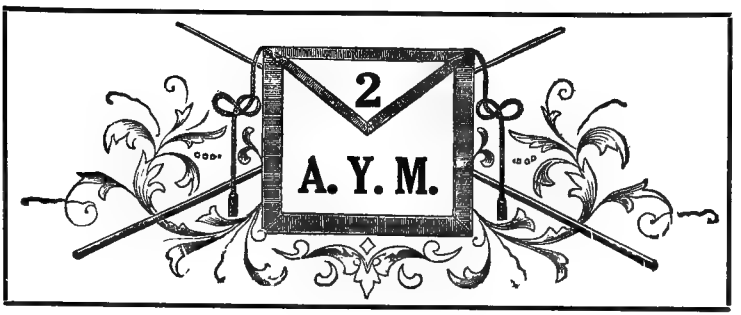
This is the first time that Brethren of any other Lodge than members of No. 2 appear to hold position as Grand Officers.

The above officers appear to have held office until 1779, except for some changes in the office of Grand Secretary, Bro. Fullton being succeeded prior to 1779 by Bro. Stephen Cronin, and he in turn by Rev. Bro. Dr. William Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, who had filled the same office for many years with the "Moderns."

Beyond this date, the reader and Masonic student is referred to the excellent reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, commencing July 29, 1779, and covering a century of its life and activity, which has been most carefully and accurately copied from the original minutes, and published by the Library Committee, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[13] Hugh Lennox was a leading merchant of Philadelphia.

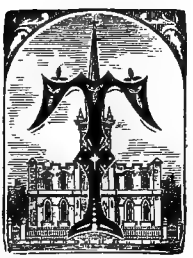
[14] Wm. Shute was a former Modern Mason, a member of Lodge No. 3, meeting at the Tun Tavern, on Water Street, Philadelphia.



CHAPTER VI.

Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1764–1772.

Under Jurisdiction of Provincial Grand Lodge.



THE period upon which we now enter, 1764–1772, was destined to be one of political unrest, but appears to have had but little effect upon either the personnel or prosperity of our Lodge —as is shown by the minutes. Philadelphia at this time was the chief city in the western world—first in size, importance and population, as well as in its shipping and commerce. The overthrow of the French in America in 1763—and the close of the French and Indian War—removed a problem which had previously occupied the attention of both the home government and the provinces. Peace once again reigned in our Province. This period of pastoral tranquillity was of but short duration as in 1765 the question of taxation and the stamp act became matters of such controlling and absorbing interest that they dwarfed almost everything else. How the Stamp Act was opposed, and the rejoicings when the news of the

"Stamp Act repealed" arrived in 1766 are matters of local history.

Hardly, however, had the Stamp Act excitement subsided when the renewed attempts at Colonial Taxation by the British government excited the Colonists, which resulted in the celebrated non-importation agreements—movements which caused organized resistance and ended in the American Revolution.

February 14, 1764.—Lodge in Due form.

Members Present fifteen—Bro Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.—

Transactions.—The petition of Henry Tuhorst being accepted, the first step of an Entered Apprentice was Conferr'd on him.—Had the Benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture.—

Brother McAuley Master of Lodge No 3 inform'd the Lodge that he intends Meeting the third Tuesday in Every Month.

February 28, 1764.—Lodge in due form—Nine members and one Visitor Mr Folwell present.—Bro Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of an Apprentice Lecture

Bro. Henry Tuhorst requested the favour of the Lodge of being advanced in our Misteries, which was accepted but deferr'd untill the Next Meeting.

Bro. Davidson by desire propos'd Henry Jennings as a Candidate, which was left to the Consideration of the Brethren.

March 13, 1764.—Lodge in due Form. Thirteen Members and one Visitor present Bro Tray.—Bro Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Bro. Henry Tuhorst after being Exam'd by the Senr Warden & found worthy was advanced to the degree of a Fellow Craft—Had the Benefit of a Fellow Crafts Lecture.—

Mr Henry Jennings proposed as a candidate the last Meeting by Bro Davidson, departs the Province too soon for admittance

March 27, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Twelve Members and Visiting Bro. Lambert Tree present.—Brother Blaithwaite Jones, Master.

Transactions.—Bro. Henry Tuhorst after being examined by the Senr Warden & found Worthy, was advanced from the degree of a Fellow Craft to that of a Master Mason.

April 10, 1764.—Lodge in due form Ten Members and two Visitors from Lodge 3 and R. W. G. Master Wm Ball present. Bro Blaithwaite Jones, Master.

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a General Lecture.—

April 24, 1764.—Lodge in due form—Twelve Members present—Bro. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair—

Transactions.—Bro William Spencer a member of the Lodge at Wilmington (acting under a dispensation of our Right Worshipfull Grand Master) having faithfully served his time as an Enter'd Apprentice & also as that as a fellow Craft, being found worthy

on due Examination by the Senr Warden was raised to the degree of a Master Mason.—

Bro. Jas. Bell Dr

To stock on Acc^{t} of Bro. Wm Spencer £ 3—0—0

May 8, 1764.—Lodge in due Form—Members present Bro. B. Jones in the Chair—Bros. David Hall —Hugh Lennox—Robt Wilson—James Bell—Henry Tuhorst—David Erwin—Jno. Wood,—and one Visitor Jno McCauly Master of Lodge 3.

Transactions—The Secretary (by order of the Master) is desired to have Two hundred Summons printed for the use of this Lodge.

May 22, 1764.—The Lodge not being properly summoned a Sufficient number of Brethren did not appear to proceed on Business—Members present—Bro. B. Jones Master—Jno. Child, Telemon Phoenix—Jno Wood.

June 12, 1764.—Lodge in due form—Six Members and one Visitor James Bilby present—Bro Alexander Rutherford in the Chair.

Transactions.—A petition from M^{r} D'arcey Daws was profer'd to the Chair setting forth the Humble desire of the Petitioner of becoming a member of our ancient and honorable Society, which petition is submitted to the Consideration of the Brethren until the Next Lodge Night.—

The Petition of Capt George Hyslop was also at the same time presented & offered to the Consideration of the Brethren.

June 18, 1764.—Extra Lodge in due form.—Members present:—Capt. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair

Alex Rutherford	Capt. Randel Wilson
John Child	James Bell
Hugh Lennox	Thomas Dundas
Wm Gaa	David Erwin
Telemon Phoenix	George Bartram
Jno Wood	Capt Hogg

Visiting Brethren

Alexander Robinson } lodge 3	Thos. Pierce
John Folwell } lodge 3	Capt Anderson[1]

Transactions.—The petitions of Capt. Medley D'Arcey Daws, and George Heslop being accepted by the Brethren, the degree of Entered Apprentice was Confer'd on them.

Had the Benefit of an Enter'd Apprentice Lecture.

For the Dispatch of Business, by desire of the Master this Lodge is requested to meet Wednesday Evening next.

June 21, 1764.—Extra Lodge in due Form—Present Nine Members—and three Visitors—viz:—Jno Folwell Jno. Usher—Bro Pierce—Bro B. Jones in the Chair.—

Transactions.—Bros. Medley D'Arcey Daws & George Heslop having faithfully served their time as Enterd Apprentice & on due Examination being found worthy of advancement received the Degrees of a Fellow Craft & Master Mason.

Had the Benefit of a Lecture.

Bro. Bell is desired to prepare a dinner for twenty four Members on the insuing St Johns Day.

[1] Capt Patrick Anderson of Chester Co.

Note.—The Emergency of the Occasion, Vizt:—The sudden Departure of the above Brethren, induced the Lodge (contrary to the general Practice) to favor them with two degrees at the same Meeting.

Bro. James Bell	Dr	
To stock on acc^{t} of Capt Heslop		£ 6—0—0
To ditto of Capt Daws		3—0—0

June 25, 1764.—St. Johns Day—Lodge in due form. Members present:—Bro. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Hugh Lennox	James Abbott
David Hall	Jos. Tatem
John Middleton	George Heslop.
Robert Wilson	Darcy Daws.
Telemon Phoenix	Randel Wilson
Alex Rutherford	David Erwin
James Bell	William Jarrett
Jno. Wood	Jno. Child

Visiting Brethren

Bro. Pierce	Danl. Topham	Lodge 3
Capt. Anderson	Jno. Folwell	

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a General Lecture

July 10, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Ten Members present. Bro B. Jones in the Chair. No Transactions.

July 24, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Six Members present Bro Hugh Lennox in the Chair.—No Transactions

August 14, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Eight Members, and one Visitor Thos Redman [Lodge 3.] Bro. B. Jones in the Chair

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a Crafts Lecture

A Committe is appoint'd to meet on Saturday the 10th instant at 7 in the Evening

Bro. Bell is desired to provide a Box of Candles for the use of this Lodge.—

August 28, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Present Ten members, four Visitors Jno Folwell,—Thos Redman,—Jas. Woodhouse, Bro. Tree.

Transactions.—Bro James Woodhouse having frequently visited this Lodge would become a member if found worthy.

Had the Benefit of a Masters Lecture.

A Committe appointed to meet Friday Evening next.—

September 11, 1764.—Lodge in due form—Bro. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair—present nine members and one Visitor Jno. Folwell—

Transactions.—"The Committe held by appointment of Lodge No 2 for Collecting the Moneys oustanding & Due to Said Lodge—Ordered that David Hall & Jas. Bell by Appointment of said Committe as Trustees do issoue out Circuler Letters to the Persons who stand in debt & on default of Payment the said Hall & Bell hath full power to take a Regular Course of Law for recovery of the Same and after Recovery to pay the said money so Recovered into the Lodge or to any other person that may be oppointed to receive the same into & for the use of the Treasury.

Given under our hands this Seventh day of September 1764.

Order'd that this Transaction be enter'd in the Books next Lodge night

Dr Treasurer of Lodge N° 2.

To Amt of Accomp[t] ren[d].	£ 18— 2—11
To sundry Anuities	18—12— 0
	36—14—11

BLAITHWAITE JONES
DAVID HALL
HUGH LENNOX
JAS. BELL

Contra Cr

By Expenses of the Body pr. Acco[ts] rend[d]	£ 34—18— 1
Bal. due the Lodge	1—16—10
	£ 36—14—11

September 25, 1764.—Lodge in due form present thirteen members Bro. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.—Visitors Alexander Henry—James Steel.

Transactions.—As there has been many Complaints made by Severel members of this Body against a Certain By-Law No 16, that the said Law was Injurious & inconsistent with the Freedom of the Craft. To remedy which inconvenience the Lodge having duly Considered the objections to the said Law, were Unanimously of Opinion that an Ammendment was necessary which ammendment is ordered to be registered with the By Laws.

Had the Benefit of a Lecture

Bro. James Steel an Ancient Mason admitted a Visitor—would become a member if found worthy.—

[Note.—The original of By-Law No 16 reads as follows.

"That no Brother shall sue or go to law with an other (in Ordinary Cases) till first he makes his Complaint to y[e] Chair, and it be brought before the Lodge, & if satisfaction cant be made in a Reasonable way

then ye party aggrieved shall obtain leave of the Chair to apply to the Civel Law to obtain his Just Right."

The law as amended and adopted reads:—

"To prevent the inconvenience that may attend the Said Law either for Conscience Sake or otherwise, it is enacted that the said Law No 16, shall not be deemed Strained or Construed to extend further or Otherwise than to differences between Brother & Brother in Ordinary Cases, & not with regard to Debts or Contracts in courses of Common Law, But that every Brother in such cases shall have reference to that Landmark in his own Breast which must be allowed by every true member who strictly adheres to it to be sufficient to Govern him.]

October 9, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Ten members present one Visitor Jas. Steel—Bro. B. Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Bro. Davidson proposed to Lodge. Capt Symonds as a Candidate.

Capt. Phoenix proposed Mr John McCaskey. both were referred to the Consideration of the Brethren

Had the Benefit of a Lecture

October 15, 1764.—Extra Lodge in due form. Present Ten members and two Visitors Jno Folwell and Jas. Steel Bro Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a Lecture.

October 23, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Eight mem-

bers and one Visitor Jas. Steel—Bro. David Hall in the Chair

Transactions.—Capt Symonds was advanced to the first step of an enter'd Apprentice. Had the Benefit of a Lecture

November 13, 1764.—Lodge in due form.—

R. W. William Ball G. M.

Bro Blaithwait Jones in the Chair—Eleven Members and three Visitors: viz Jno Folwell—Alex Bartram Charles Garroway—

Capt. John Ash proposed to the Lodge & recommended by a member of the Brethren, was balloted for & approved as a Candidate—

November 27, 1764.—Lodge in due form—present thirteen members—one Visitor Alex. Bartram. Bro. Blaith. Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Capt John Ash received the degree of an Entered Apprentice.

December 5, 1764.—Extra Lodge in due form present ten members—Bro. Blaith. Jones in the Chair—

Transactions.—Bro John Ash having duly served his time as an Entered Apprentice, & being found worthy on due examination by the Senior Warden received the Degrees of fellow Craft & Master Mason [which being taken into Consideration, together with his being immediately going abroad. The same was granted[2]]

December 11, 1764.—Lodge in due form—present

[2] Written in lead pencil.

twelve members—one Visitor Danl. Topham Bro David Hall in Chair

Transactions.—Benefit of a Lecture

December 25, 1764.—Lodge in due form. Present six Members—Two Visitors Jno Folwell, Saml Watts. —W. M. Blaith^t^. Jones in the Chair—

No Transactions.

December 27, 1764.—The Anniversary of St. John. Lodge in due form

Worshipfull Master in the Chair Blaithwaite Jones

Hugh Lennox S. W.	Wm. Spencer
Robt Wilson J. W	David Erwin
Telemon Phoenix	Thos. Dundess
Jas. Bell	Jno. Middleton
Alex Rutherford	Jno Wood

Visiting Brethren

Saml. Watts	Jno Folwell
Henry Dawkins	Thos Redman
Jno Daffin	Geo. Robinson
Saml. Boyce	Jas Bilby
Alex. Robinson.	Alex. Bartram

Transactions.—After Dinner the Election Came on for Master &c, when Brother Hugh Lennox was unanimously chosen Master.—Bro. John Wood Sr. Warden, Bro. Thos Dvudas Junior Warden—Bro. John Middleton Secretary. Bro James Bell Treasurer—at the same time Brother Hugh Lennox was accordingly Enstalled in the Chair No 2. The Master Elect was desired from the Chair to return the thanks of this Body to Brother Blaithwaite Jones our late Worthy Master for his faithfull services whilst in the Chair.

January 1, 1765.—Extra Lodge in due form—Members present

Right Worshipfull Grand Master William Ball
Worshipfull Master Blaithwaite Jones.

David Hall	S. W.	Alex Bartram
Hugh Lennox	J. W.	Thos Dundass
Alex Robinson		Jas. Bell
Jno Wood		David Erwin

Visiting Brother, Henry Dawkins.

GRAND LODGE IN DUE FORM

January 1, 1765.—Members Present

Right Worshipfull Grand Master Wm Ball

Deputy Grand Master	Blaithwaite Jones.
Senior Grand Warden	David Hall
Junior Grand Warden	Hugh. Lennox
Grand Secretary	John Wood.

Lodge No 3 Presented their Officers chosen for the Ensuing year to the Grand Master for his Approbation, who being accepted were by him install'd:—

Brother	Samuel Watts	Master
"	John Folwell	Senr Warden
"	Henry Dawkins	Junior Warden

January 8, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present nine members.—Two Visitors Alex Bartram—Saml. Watts, W. M. Hugh Lennox in the Chair

Transactions.—It is ordered that a Committe be held on Tuesday next at 6 O'Clock in the Evening to settle the Business of the Lodge.

January 22, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present

Eleven members—Two Visitors Jno Folwell—Alex Bartram

Transactions.—James Bell & Jno Middleton are appointed to give notice to the Brethren that they pay their Dues before next June 25th or they shall be Erased from the Books, and be no longer deemed members of this Lodge—A petition was presented to the Body from Mary Power, widow of our late Bro Robt Power for the benefit of our Charity but it being found that she did not come under the protection of our By-Laws it was left to some of the Brethren to enquire into her Distress and to the whole to contribute as they should think her case required.

February 12, 1765.—Lodge in due form. Members present eight and two Visitors Alex. Bartram & John McCalley. Bro Hugh Lennox in the Chair.

Transactions.—David Hall & John Middleton the two Brethren appointed to go thro the Brethren to Collect for the relief of widow Power, have made their report & have collected between three & four pounds the which will be applied accordingly.

Had the Benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture

Lodge adjourned till fourth tuesday in this Month.

February 26, 1765.—Lodge in due form met. Eight members and one Visitor Alex. Bartram.—Br Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Bro. Middleton our present Secretary intending shortly to go abroad requested a

Certificate from this Lodge which was granted & Bro. Robert Wilson sign'd the same as Secretary

Had the Honor of a Visit from the Right Worshipfull Grand Master.

Had the Benefit of a Masters Lecture

Lodge adjourned till second tuesday in March.

March 12, 1765.—Lodge in due form met. Eight members, one Visitor James Steel present. Bro Blaith[t] Jones in the Chair—

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a Masters Lecture—

Bro. Middleton the former Secretary having resign'd & gone abroad the said office of Secretary is now become Vacant. Whereupon the Members proceeded to the choice of a new Secretary & Brother Spencer was unimously Chosen who Accepted the same & the proper Oath for the due Execution of the said office was thereupon Administered to him Accordingly & afterwards Brother Spencer was appointed in the Room of Br. Middleton along with Brother Bell who were some time since nominated to inform the Brethren to pay in the Sums from them due to this Lodge.

Lodge adjourn'd till 4th tuesday in this Month

March 26, 1765.—Lodge in due form met. W. M Hugh Lennox and four Brethren present Lodge Adjourn'd till 2[d] Tuesday in April next.

April 9, 1765.—Lodge in due form met—Present

Ten members and three Visitors—Alex Bartram—Thos Redman—George Erwin

Transactions.—Bro. Gibson having produced a Certificate belonging to our former Brother Blackwood deced and delivered the same to this Lodge: This Lodge thereupon order that the same Certificate be presented to the Grand Lodge there to be deposited.

Bro. Alex. Bartram who has often been a visitor in this Lodge now hath apply'd & requested that he be admitted to become a Regular Member of this Body. And the Lodge taking the same into Consideration proceeded to a Ballat & the said Bro. Bartram being found worthy he is accordingly admitted to the Benefits of this Lodge

Lodge adjourned till 4th Tuesday of this Month

May 14, 1765.—Lodge in due form met. present nine members, two Visiting Brethren Thomas Ewing Dunlap Adams.—R. W. Hugh Lennox in the Chair

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of an Entered Aprentices Lecture from the Chair. No other Business appearing the Master regularly Closed the Lodge.

May 28, 1765.—Lodge in due form met—present Seven members. R. W. Hugh Lennox in the Chair—

Visiting Brother Alex. Bartram.

Transactions.—Br William Spencer the present Secretary having occasion to go abroad now begs leave to resign his said office of Secretary whereupon leave is granted him & he hath accordingly resigned.

Ordered that a Committe do meet on Monday the Third Day of June at 6 O'Clock in the Evening to settle some Business of this Lodge which shall be laid before them.

Lodge adjourned till 2d Tuesday in June next.

June 3, 1765.—Committe met according to Appointment—Members present Worshipfl Hu. Lennox Davd Hall—John Wood Jas Bell—Thos Dundas.

[*Transactions.*—Not recorded.]

June 11, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form Ten Members present, three Visitors Samuel Watts, Dunlap Adems John McGibbin Rt. W. Hugh Lennox in the Chair Had the benefit of an entered Apprentices Lecture Bro Dunlap Adems having proposed becoming a Member with us was Ballated for & accepted Adjourned to 25th June. 1765

June 25, 1765.—Lodge not opened.

July 9, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form—present ten members—and John McAlley a Visitor. Rt. W. Hugh Lennox in the Chair.—

Transactions.—Bro. Adems being proposed as Secretary for the ensuing year, returned his thanks for the honor & Confidence they repos'd in him.—Accepted the same, & was duly sworn into Office.

July 23, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present nine members. Bro John Wood in the Chair—

Transactions.—Had the benefit of an enter'd Apprentice Lecture.

Adjourn'd to the second Tuesday in August.

August 13, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present ten members and Francis Bourke a Visitor—Bro John Wood in the Chair.—

Adjourn'd to the fourth Tuesday Instant

August 27, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form present twelve members and two Visitors:—John Folwell, Thos Ewing

Transactions.—Luke Mounce a person in Goal & in distress has present'd a Petition to the Lodge in order to obtain some Charity. As he is a Stranger to any brother in point of Masonry his Worship has appointed Bro. John Wood & Bro. Alx^r^ Bartram to examine the Petitioner & if found worthy they are to take the trouble of collecting what the mem^brs^ shall think proper to contribute towards the relief of the Petitioner.

Adjourn'd to the Second tuesday in September.

September 10, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present Ten members, D. G. M. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—This Evening was presented by Bro Rutherford a copy of some Months tran^s^ of No 5 Antient York Masons[2a] which being read R. W. D. G. M [Blaithwaite Jones] thinking it seemed more to concern the Grand Lodge Order'd it to be laid before Grand Lodge, upon which it was given into the hands of Bro Wood Grand Secretary in order to be laid before the Grand Lodge

[2a] The Lodge No. 5 above mentioned was held at Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware—warrant was granted June 24, 1765.

Agreeable to last Lodge Nights transactions Bro Wood & Bro Bartram examined Luke Mounce in Goal found him to be an antient Mason tho not made in a regular Warranted Lodge & afterwards Collected the sum of £ 3—2—0.

Had the benefit of a Master's Lecture from the Chair.

Adjourn'd to the fourth Tuesday Instant

Ordered that Bros. Bartram & Wood present the above Sum of £ 3—2—0 to the Aforesaid Luke Mounce in Behalf of this Lodge.

September 13, 1765.—Extra Lodge—present twelve members—R W. Hugh Lennox in the Chair—five Grand officers present—No transactions recorded—

September 24, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form present nine members R. W. Hugh Lennox in the Chair

Transactions.—Bro Symond having duly served as Enter'd Appren^ce and gave proper satisfaction in the same receiv'd the degree of a Fellow Craft & had the Benefit of a Fellow Crafts lecture from the Chair.

October 8, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present seven members—Bro John Wood in the Chair—

Transactions.—Had the benefit of a General Lecture from the Chair.

October 22, 1765.—Lodge in due form present Eight members—Bro John Wood in the Chair.

Transactions.—The petition of Wm Brock being presented the lodge in order to be admitted a member, was duly Ballated for & Unanimously accepted,

and regularly enter'd an apprentice.—The reason of admitting Brother Brock upon his application without lying over according to rule was the Petitioner some months ago, and would then have been admitted, only was called to Seas before the regular Lodge night

Had the Benefit of an Enter'd Apprentices Lecture from the Chair—

October 25, 1765.—Extra Lodge in due form, the Deputy Grand Master in the Chair. Members present

W. M. Hugh Lennox	Thomas Dundas
David Hall	Leison Simmons
John Wood	Robt Wilson
Robt Walker	Wm Brock
Alex Bartram	Dunlap Adems
Alex Robinson	—— Pierce (Visitor)

Transactions.—Bro Brock having satisfied this Lodge as an enter'd Apprentice recd the Degrees of a Fellow Craft—Also Bro. Simmonds recd degree of a Master Mason.—

November 12, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form—Present Eight members—five Visitors: John McAlley—Thos. Redman Wm Bartram—Lawce McDuff.

Transactions.—A Motion was made to the Chair that a law should be made for inflicting a penalty or fine on every member who does not attend on every regular Lodge night & that said fine should be applyd to the Charity fund. Likewise this Minit shall ly on Books for the Consideration of the Lodge. Also it was recommended to Consider of the Business of St John's Day &ra

November 26, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form—Present Eleven Members and John McAlley Visitor W. M. Hu. Lennox in the Chair.

Transactions.—As there formerly subsisted a law imposing a fine on nonattendance which law was repealed by a Committee of this Lodge appointed for s^d^ purpose & as something of the same nature was proposed last Lodge night & renew'd to night it is therefore thought proper to postpone it untill St John's Day in order to get their general sentiments of the same.

N. B. this s^d^ Law was repeal'd in April 1761

November 28, 1765.—Extra Lodge[3] in ample form. Members present—W. M. Hu. Lennox in the Chair

Blath^e^ Jones	Alex Bartram
Thos. Dundas	Leeson Simmonds
John Wood	Wm Brock
David Hall	Jas Bell
Robert Wilson	William Ball

Transactions.—Bro. Brock being desirous to reap the benefit of a Mast^r^ was examined upon the craft by the R^t^ Worshipfull & giving reasonable satisfaction considering the time he has had. Was accordingly Rais'd to the degree of a Master.

Had the Benefit of a General lecture from Bro Jones D. G. M^r^.

December 10, 1765.—Lodge in due form—present

[3] This was virtually a grand Lodge as all officers of the Grand Lodge were present.

nine members—The Deputy Grand Master in the Chair "Nothing extraordinary this Night."

December 24, 1765.—Lodge in Ample form—present Eleven members. W. M. Hugh Lennox in the Chair

Transactions.—Agreed that the Lodge are to be sum^{d} to meet precisely at 3 O'Clock on St John's Day & that Bro Bell is to provide Supper for 15

Also the Lodge form themselves into a Committe in order to settle the affairs of the Lodge.

December 27, 1765.—The Anniversary Feast of St John's Day. Lodge in Ample form—Mem^{rs} Pres^{t}

W M Hugh Lennox	Thos. Dundas
Blath^{e}. Jones	Wm Houston
Dav^{d} Hall	John Middleton
John Wood	Robert Wilson
Alex Robinson	

Transactions.—The Lodge according to order proceeded to Ballat for Mast^{r} for the year 1766 & Bro. John Wood was chosen and installed

Bro.	Alex^{r} Robinson	Senr	Ward^{n}
"	Alex^{r} Bartram	Junr	do.
"	David Hall	Treasurer	

Ordered from the Chair that Bro Bell late Treasurer is to produce his Acco^{s} against next Lodge Night or Sooner if called by a Committe.

January 14, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form. present Eight Members W. M. John Wood in the Chair—Visiting Bro. Edw. Shields

Transactions.—Bro John Thompson having been

duly Examin'd by two of the Breth^{rn} appointed for that purpose was found worthy of admittance

The Committe having met the 7th instant according to appointment in order to settle the affairs of the Treasurer the following business was done. The late Treasurer laid his Acco^{s} before the Committe when he deliver'd up the Bonds, Notes &^{cd} together with a Ballance of Cash remaining as per his Acco. rendered in full of £ 5—4—7½ to the present Treasurer.

Also the present Treasurer made application for Books necessary for his office which was ordered Accordingly.

It is the Oppinnion of this Lodge that for the more Easy & effectual method of Collecting the dues from the Members, that the Treasurer for the time being shall collect said dues monthly or as often as a brother gives his attendance

January 28, 1766.—Lodge in due form present Eight Members, two Visitors Bros. Edward Shields—John Thomson. Bro. Alex^{r} Robinson in the Chair—

Transactions.—The 26th Novr last a motion was made to the body in order to fine those Brethren who do not give regular attendance in the Lodge it was this Night again moved but as the Mast^{r} was absent, it thought proper that to come to any determination till next Lodge Night, Also Bro. Robinson & Bro Dundas was proposed to acquaint the Memb^{rs} who were absent, that such a law would next lodge Night be finally be determined either one way or Other.

Therefore any member who does not attend must not afterwards Complain of what may be done.

February 11, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form—present Eight members Rt. Worshipfull John Wood in the Chair

Transactions.—A motion being on the Carpet for some lodge Nights past in order to fine or lay a fine on such brothers as do not attend regularly, it is this Night unanimously agreed by the Memb^{rs} present that there shall be a fine of Six pence laid on every absent member as shall more fully appear by this by Law to be made for the purpose.

The Memb^{rs} Pres^{t} have agreed to meet next Thursday in Order to form s^{d} by-law

February 25, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form Seven Members present R W. John Wood in the Chair.

Transactions.—Agreeable to the Minutes of last Lodge Night, the Members met & Form'd the By-Law respecting Nonattendance, which law being this Night laid before the Chair, was order to be read, approved of, and desired to be inserted with the By-Laws which Law is to be in full force from and after the S^{d} 25th of Feby 1766.

March 11, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form present Nine Members—W. M. John Woods in the Chair.

Transactions.—It is agreed that No Summons's be issued on the stated Lodge nights Excepting Extra Lodges as St John's Day and as the Fees paid formerly paid to the Tyler is thought too great for the

Service. Brother Alexander Robinson & David Hall are appointed to agree with a proper person at the sum of 2/6 for each Nights service to Tyle this Lodge.

March 25, 1766.—Lodge in due form present R. W. Grand Master William Ball—Bro. Hugh Lennox in the Chair—five members, and Visiting Brethren Hyat —Bradford—Beard—Curtis—

Transactions.—Agreeable to the Minutes of last Lodge night the persons proposed agreed with the former Tyler to Tyle the Lodge for half a Crown each night and he is to be exempt from all yearly Dues

Had the Benefit of a General Lecture from the Chair.

April 8, 1766.—Lodge in due form—Bro Hugh Lennox in the Chair—Members present Bros Dundas—Hall—Bell—Adems—[No Transactions recorded]

April 22, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form present Nine Members—Chas. Mollison Visitor W. M. John Wood in the Chair

Transactions.—A Committe was appointed to meet to morrow Evening upon Business of the Lodge.—

April 23, 1766.—Committe met according to appointment and a petition was laid before us from the widow of our Deceased Brother Coarser acquainting us of her distress'd situation whereupon the Committe have ordered that the Treasurer is to give her the sum of Fourty shillings

Members present Bros. Wood—Robinson—Lennox —Adems.

May 13, 1766.—Lodge in ample form Seven Members and one Visitor John Dean present W. M. John Wood in the Chair

Transactions.—One Richard Wagstaffe a person from Maryland desired to visit us, whereupon Bros. Jones & Lennox were ordered to examine him and upon tryal he was not found worthy the principal reason Being Examined whether he had not been concerned in Clandestanly making. Acknowledged he had & for other sufficient reasons was refused admittance Brother John Dean likewise desired admittance, who after producing a Certificate from a Regular Lodge and Being duly examined was found worthy and introduced accordingly.

A Tylar being proposed—Ordered by the Master that Bro. H. Lennox with Bro. Robinson solicit Bro Boyer & know if he will act as Tyler of No 2.

May 19, 1766.—Extra Lodge in Ample form—present Eleven Members, Three visitors Bros Folwell—Dawkins—Redman—W. M. John Wood in the Chair.—[No transactions recorded]

May 27, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form present five Members, one Visitor Bro Dean—W. M. John Wood in the Chair.

Transactions.—Bro Chattam acquaints us that the reason he did not regularly attend the Lodge for some time past, was owing entirely to misfortunes he met

with, and the same renderd him incapable of discharging his dues to the same.

Bro Dean proposes becoming a Siting Member.

June 23, 1766.—Extra Lodge in due form R. W. Deputy Grand Master Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair Present Bros. Wood—A. Bartram—G. Bartram—Bell — Houston — Lennox — Visitors — Bros Shields & Thompson—

Transactions.—Several Gent^{m} from Philad^{a} & Chester County presented a petition to us in order to be initiated into the Secrets of masonry in the Antient and Regular way whereby they might be qualified to hold a Lodge in their own Neighbourhood, their Petition was highly recommended by the R. W. the Grand Master and the Necessary steps being afterwards taken the Petition was Unanimously received and the Honours of Enter'd apprentice and fellow Craft were Confered on

Patrick Anderson
Myrick Davis
Joseph Richardson

Note in Margin.—"As this Petition being the Property of the G. Lodge we have accordingly ordered the same to be recommended by this body to the same."

June 24, 1766, St. Johns Day.—Lodge in Ample form—W. M. John Wood in the Chair Present—The R^{t}. W. Grand Master William Ball.

Bros Lennox
" A. Bartram

Bro Dean
" Robinson

Bro G. Bartram	Bro Dundas
" Hall	" Ruth
" Jones	" Adems
" Bell	

Visiting Brethren—Dawkins—Folwell & Shields

Transactions.—Bros. Anderson—Davis and Richardson received the Degree of a Master Mason

Bro. Dean was unaniniously approved of a Siting Member and was ordered to sign our by laws which he did.

A Petition from Daniel Montgomery in order to be admitted a member of this Body was presented to the Chair, and afterwards read by the secretary, which petition was ordered to ly over till next regular night of meeting.

[*Note.*—At this meeting a warrant was also granted to Brothers Anderson, Davis and Richardson to hold a lodge of which Bro. Patrick Anderson was the first Master. This Lodge the first Lodge to be held in Chester County was No. 8 on the Roster of the Grand Lodge.—The location of the Lodge was not a permanent one and at different times was convened upon the opposite sides of the Schuylkill. An old minute book of this provincial Lodge is in the Archives of the Grand Lodge Library—it covers the period from 1779 to 1789.]

July 8, 1766.—Lodge in due form—present ten members two Visitors Bros Folwell & Thompson.

Transactions.—Danl. Montgomery's Petition was

unanimously accepted of and he afterwards rec[d] the degrees of an entered apprentice.

Bro Montgomery chuses brother Adems as guardian

July 22, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form—Present R. W. Dep. Gr. Master Blaithwaite Jones W. M. John Wood in the Chair

Bros Hall—Dean—Robinson—Montgomery—Wilson Bell—Adems.—

Transactions.—A petition from Wilton Alkinson a Gent[n] of Lancaster and likewise a Clandestine Mason, was presented to the Chair in order to his being admitted a member of the Antient regular and Honourable Craft the same was read and unanimously approved of by the members present that our Petitioner should receive the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, which was afterwards done.

The reason of our acting in so speedy a manner as to the above was our Brother Alkinson comes here with an intention of Procuring a Warrant from Mr Allen which he took to be Grand Master of the Antient Craft for this Province[4] but finding his mistake he petitioned our body, his intention is to be one of a proper number to hold a Lodge in the town of Lancaster.[4a]

[4] This Entry shows that Hon. William Allen was acting as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Modern Masons of Pennsylvania as late as 1766.

[4a] Cf. p. 127, supra.

August 12, 1766.—Lodge in due form—Six members present—

Transactions.—An Extra Lodge proposed to meet Thursday next in order to advance Bro Montgomery an other step.

August 14, 1766.—Extra Lodge in due form Bro. Robinson in the Chair—Eight Brethren present

Transactions.—Bro. Montgomery rec'd the degree of a Fellow Craft.

August 26, 1766.—Lodge in due form, present Six members—W. M. John Wood in the Chair.

Transactions.—The worshipfull Master ordered a petition of a Distress'd Brother to be read, the same was read accordingly. It appears that the petitioner never had Visited this Lodge. Neither has he been known to any of the members to be a Brother, and therefore no demands on this Lodge agreeable to our Regulations & therefore Rejected.—

Samuel Wood desires to become a member of this Lodge and being well Recommended by our worthy Brother Alexander Bartram the same was Unanimously agreed that a petition shall be sent up the next Lodge Night by the said Saml Wood in order to be received.

The Worshipfull [Master] has given Orders to Bros Hall & Lennox to agree with some one Brother for a Tyler as the same has been wanting some time & upon the best terms they can.—

September 9, 1766.—Lodge in due form—

R. W. D. G. M. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair
Bro Thos Dundass Sen. Warden
" Alex'r Bartram Jun "
Nine Brethren and one visitor Andw. May present.

Transactions.—Bro. Montgomery being passed the degrees of an enterd Apprentice & Fellow Craft and on due Examination being found worthy was admitted to the degree of a Master Mason.

Mr Saml Wood (whose application is entered in the transactions of the last Lodge Night) with the Unanimous approbation of the Brethren received the degree of an Entered Apprentice.

Had the benefit of a Lecture

Bro. Wood paid his dues to the Treasurer £ 6—0—0

September 23, 1766.—Lodge in Ample form—W. M. John Wood in the Chair—ten members present

Transactions—A Motion being made that the meeting of this Lodge should be only once a month it being found inconvenient to meet oftner it was accordingly put to vote and unanimously agreed to and the day of meeting appointed to be the second Tuesday in the month.

The Lodge having for some time past been destitute of a Tyler agreed to pay David Irwin five shillings per night including extra Lodges for serving the summonss and Tyling

Bro. Abbit being in a distress'd condition in Glouster Jail petitioned the Lodge to lend him a little money till he could get his affairs settl'd when

he promised to repay it. Accordingly the Treasurer is ordered to advance him thirty shillings

As our Present Secretary Brother Adems is going to leave this Province Brother John Dean was unanimously elected in his stead.

October 14, 1766.—Lodge in due form. ten Members present. W. M. John Wood in the Chair.

Transactions.—It was agreed that a Committe meet to Consider the Affairs of the Lodge nixt Saterday evening

Ordered by the Worshipful that a certicfate be made out to Brother Dill[5]

A Modern Certifacte being presented to the Lodge by James Menzes from Charleston was rejected.

October 29, 1766.—Extra Lodge in due form. present ten members.—Worshipfull Alex Robinson in the Chair

Transactions.—Bro. Samuel Wood having heartofore rec'd the step of an enterapprentce, and as his stay was to be shore in Towne it was unamaniously agreed to pass and raase him which was done accordingly had the benift of A Lecture.

No date—Committe meet according to Apointment

Bro Wood	Master	Bro Hall	T.
Bro Robinson	S. W.	Bro Lennox	P. M.
Bro Bartram	J. W.	Bro Dean	S.
		Bro Willson	
		Bro Dundas	

Transactions.—[Page left blank.]

[5] Evidently John Dean no such name as "Dill" in these minutes.

November 11, 1766.—Lodge in Due form—present Eight Members. W. M. John Wood in the Chair

"Nothing extrordnery this Night

December 9, 1766.—Lodge in due form, Seven Members present. W. M. John Wood in the Chair

Transactions.—It is unanamiously agreed that we meet nixt St John's day at 3 O'Clock, the sommons to be given out at 2 O'clock.

Bro. Bell is desired to prepare supper for fifteen persons. Bro Samuil Eldridge was exmined and beging found worthy was admitted accordingly as a Visiting Brother.

December 27, 1766.—The Anniversary Feast of St John—Lodge in Ample form—Members present—W. M. John Wood in the Chair—

Bro Hugh Lennox
Bro Blath: Jones
Bro David Hall
Bro William Huston
Bro William Ball
Bro David Irwin
Bro Alex Robinson
Bro Alex Bartram
Bro Robt. Willson
Bro James Bell
Bro John Dean
Bro Alex. Rutherford

Visiting Brethren

Bro Folwell—Bro Dowdall—Bro Eldridge

Transactions.—The Lodge accordingly to order proceeded to Ballat for Master for the Year 1767 when Bro Blath: Jones was unanamiously chosen to the Chair.

Bro Alexander Bartram S. W.
" William Huston J. W.
" Robert Willson S. D.

Bro Talamon Phenix	J. D.
" David Hall	Tr.
" John Dean	S:

January 13, 1767.—Lodge in due form—Members present Nine—Bro Hugh. Lenox in the Chair—Visiting Brethren Samuel Eldridge—Bro Donnel.

Transactions.—William Patterson sent his name up intimating a desire to join the body—He was acquainted the Lodge woud concider of it next Lodge Night.

Had the benifit of an Enter'd Aprentice Lecture.

Mr Howard being propos'd by Bro. Jones as desierous to Join this Lodge. Br Jones is Order'd to Acquaint Mr Howard to Attend next Lodge Night

February 10, 1767.—Lodge in due form. present nine members Bro David Hall in the Chair—

Transactions.—William Patterson mentioned last Lodge Night being objected too by sum of the members—it is unanamiously agreed he cannot be admitted in this Body.

Brother Jones is desired by Mr Howard to beg his excuse to the Lodge being detened by sum pertculer bussness he could not atend to Night Had the benifet of an entered Aprentices Lecture

March 10, 1767.—Lodge in due form—Present twelve members—Three Visitors Saml Eldridge Bros Levis—& Donnol W. M. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair

Transactions.—Mr Howard Ballated for and was

unanamiously accepted of, and afterwards rec[d] the degree of an enterd Aprentice.

Bro. Hugh Lennox intends removing into the Country before our nixt meeting was desirious of Aquainting the Lodge Therwith.—An order on this Lodge from Bro. John Folwall in favour of Bro. Bell was laid before the Lodge and orderd to be Refered to next Lodge Night.—A petition from John Codner was Likwise Laid before the Lodge and Bro. Jones was desired to Look into the same and make report thereof the Next Lodge Night.

April 14, 1767.—Lodge in due Form Present fourteen members—one Visitor Bro Atkinson

The Worshipfull Blath[t] Jones in the Chair

Transactions.—Bro. Follwel's order on this Lodge is refered to a committe.

Agreeable to the report Bro Jones was to make of Bro Codner the sum of £13—10—0 was paid

Bro. Howard having past the degree of an Aprentice and on due examinaction being found worthy was admitted to the degree of a Fellow Craft but desired to be postponed to nixt Lodge night A petition from John James in order to be Admitted a Member of this Lodge was presented to the Chair and Afterwards read which petition was ordered to ly on the Book to next Lodge Night

May 12, 1767.—Lodge in due form.—Present Thirteen Members—Two Visitors Bro. Solomon & Banks.

The W. M. Blath[t] Jones in the Chair

Transactions.—By the precedings of a former Comitte it was thought six pounds was too much for entrence and agreed that £ 3—17—6 was seufsient it is unanamously confirmed by this Lodge.

June 9, 1767.—Lodge in due form—present Eleven members—two Visitors Bros. Banks & Codner

The W. M. Blath^t Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—Whereas the Committe appointed to meet last Lodge Night was referd to the Committe of the whole Lodge and Brother Chattin's petition for Charity was Considered when it was found by the by Laws that he was not intitled to any of the Charity Fund not having Contributed thereto Mr John James Continued on the Books until next Lodge Night.

September 8, 1767.—Lodge in due form—Present Six Members—Two Visitors Bros McCalley and Eldridge

As the keys of the drawers was lost that contained the papers of the last two Lodge Nights we could not preceed in the affairs of the Lodge this Night

Had the benifit of a Fellow Craft and Masters Lecture

[*Note.*—No entries for October or November.]

December 8, 1767.—Lodge in due form—Present

The Worshipfull Blaith^t Jones in the Chair

		Visiting Brethren	
Bro	Alex^r Bartram	Bro Stewart	M of L 3
"	Lennox	" Moore	S. W of No 3
"	Montgomery		

Bro Wood	Bro Hawkins	J. W of ditto
" Hall	" Snider	of ditto
" Geo Bartram	" Eldridge	
" Dean	" Haldane	
" Irwin		

Transactions.—Bro John Kelly applyd for admittance—But as they wher Alligations to be laid against him, The Lodge agreed that they should be determined by the Grand Lodge before he could obtain the same.

James Hume likewise apply'd. Bro David Hall & Bro Lennox was sent out to examine him and found him unworthy of receiving admittance in this Lodge.

Bro. George Bartram made a motion in behalf of Bro. James Bell, his circumstances being very low at this time and in want of relief. The Lodge being Desirious that a Committe should be appointed to examine the premises, and accordingly the Worshipfull Mast'r ordered that a Committe meet to morrow night & make report of the same to the Lodge.

The Anniversary feast of St John's Day, December 28, 1767.—Lodge in Ample form.—Members Present The W.·. Blith[t] Jones in the Chair

Bro. Bartram	Bro. George Bartram
" Huston	" Hall
" Ball	" Wood
" Wilson	" Montgomery
" Davidson	" Dean
" Rutherford	" Irwin

Visiting Brother—Bro John Kelly.

Transactions.—The Lodge according to appointment

preceeded to Ballat for offecers when Worshp[l] Blith[t] Jones was Continued Master for the coming year

Bro	Huston	S. W.
"	Montgomery	J. W.
"	Alex Bartram	S. D
"	George Bartram	J. D.
"	Hall	T:
"	Dean	S: for six months

Robert Porter being proposed by Bro. Rutherford as deseirous to become a Mason was order'd by the Chair to stand on the Book till nixt Lodge night.

January 12, 1768.—Lodge in due form Worshipfull Bro. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair Present Eleven Members. Two Visitors, Bros: Kelly and Garroway

Transactions.—Bro John Howard having lawfully served as an Enter'd apprentice, been admitted as a fellow craft, was advanced to a Master Mason.

Mr Robert Porter having been ballated for, was unanimously approved of, and received the Degree of an Entered apprentice.

A Committe is appointed to meet Thursday next at 6 O Clock.

January 14, 1768.—Committe met according to appointment.—When the accounts of the Tyler was settled and it appears from the Book that there is Owing to him from the Lodge £ 1—10—0.

Members present Bros. Wood—Hall—Dean—Montgomery Committe Expenses 10/ 6.

February 9, 1768.—Lodge in due form—Members present twelve—Worshipfull Blath. Jones in the Chair—A petition from Mr James Hume presented to the Lodge by Bro Dean—setting forth his desire of Becoming a member of the same. But as the said Gentlemen being examined some time ago and not approved of as one of our Fraternity, the Lodge unanimously rejected the same.

The Committe as by the Minutes on the 14th of Jany. being desirous that the Lodge examine their report, and make a minute of the same as they in their wisdom may think proper the same was Examined and the Master Together with the whole Lodge find that proceeding is agreeable, for which the Lodge returned the Committe their Thanks.

March 8, 1768.—Lodge in due form—Members present.

		Visiting Brs.
Bro.	David Hall in ye Chair.	
"	John Wood.	Bro Stewart
"	Dainet Mtgomery	" Moor
"	Robert Willson	" Haldine
R: W: M:	Wm Ball	" Voto
Bro	Alex Robinson	" Loughead
"	David Ervin	" Gattey
"	Blath. Jones	" Bull
"	Geo Bartram	" Buse

Transactions.—Having a number of our Brethren No 3 upon Business of Importance to the Craft: it was reported by Bro Moor of No 3 that they were a number of Persons in this City about to send for a Warrant to Scotland to hold a Lodge in this Place.

Its the unaniminous Opinion of the Brethren:—This Lodge Closed and a Grand Lodge Open'd to do the Business.

[Transactions Entered in Grand Lodge Minutes.]

April 8, 1768.—As there were but a few members could atten'd there was no Lodge open'd.

May 10, 1768.—Lodge in ample form—Present Eight Members and two Visitors—Bros Kelly and Adems. R^{t} Worshipfull Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

Transactions.—A Mast^{r} Masons lecture from the Chair.

June 14, 1768.—Lodge in due form

R^{t}. Worshp^{l} Bro Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair

Rt Worshipfull Bro. William Ball Grand Master present Nine Members and three visitors Bro Wm Bartram—Galloway and Bro Hyatt member of No 5.—

Transactions.—Bro Wm Bartram an Antient Mason petitioned to become a member of this Lodge, was balloted for, and accepted

Bro. John Maxfield, formerly a member of this Lodge—having acquainted the Lodge of his intention of again becoming a member, was unanimously accepted.

Mr James Claypoole, Jun. petitioned the Lodge to become a member, was ordered to lay on the Books till Next Lodge Night.

July 12, 1768.—Lodge in due Form—

Worshipfull Bro Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair—Members present

Bro David Hall
" Wm Bartram
" Dan[1] Montgomery
" John Howard
" Alex Robinson
" Robt Wilson

Viziting Brethren
Bro Moore
" Longhead
" Galloway
" Haldame
" Galbreath
" Bernard
" Topham
" McCauley
" Hundles
" Sidle
" Swaine
" Jetson
" Jefs.

Transactions—Jas. Claypole jun. Petition was unanimously accepted and he received the Degree of an Entered Apprentice. Had the benefit of an enterd apprentice Lecture.—

August 9, 1768.—Lodge in due form—present Ten Members—three Visitors:—Bros Galbreath,—Bernard —Jugier—

Transactions.—Bro. James Claypoole jr. received the degrees of a Fellow Craft.

A Petition from the widow of our late Bro. Capt Cooper requesting the Charity of the Lodge, was referr'd to the Next Lodge Night.—

A Petition from Mr Colnes is refer'd to next Lodge night.

Extra Lodge in Due form.

August 11, 1768.—Members present

W. David Hall in the Chair pro tem
Bro. Wm Huston S. W.

Bro. Dan Montgomery	J. W.
R. W. Wm Ball	G: Mr
W. B. Jones	D. G. M.
Bro Alex Bartram	Bro Alex Rutherford
" John Howard	" Geo. Bartram
" John Wood	" David Ewing
Visiting Bro James Brown	

N. B. This entry is a mistake being the business of the Grand Lodge.—See Grand Lodge Books for this night.

September 13, 1768.—Lodge in due form—present Eight members. Six Visitors:—Bros.—Galbreath—Galloway—Cadaman—Suaine—Hudle—Erwin.—

Transactions.—Mr Colnes petition was considered of; but not thought sufficiant to come under the notice of this Lodge.

Brother Claypoole having passed the degrees of an Enter'd Apprentice & Fellow Craft and on Due Examination being found worthy was admitted to the Degree of a Master Mason.—

October 11, 1768.—Lodge in Ample form.—

Present—R. W. G. M. William Ball
R W. D G. M. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair
R. W. David Hall.
Br. Alex Bartram } Wardens
Br. Danl. Montgomery }
Bro. Wm Bartram
" Geo Bartram
" David Ewing

Visiting Brethren
Bro Isaac Solloman, Lancaster
" John MacDuff Geo. Town
" And. Terhorst

Several Members, presented to the Lodge a petition of Mr James Hume who is desirious of becoming a

member of this Body if found worthy he having been wronged in his former Attempts among the moderns.

Bro Wm Bartram Likewise presents a petition of John Dunlap a printer of this Town.

Mr Hume is ordered to ly on the books untill next Lodge night.

Mr Dunlap is also to ly on the Books till next Lodge Night.

Had the benifit of a General Lecture from the Chair.—

November 8, 1768.—Lodge in due form—Present

R. W. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair	
R. W. David Hall	S W. pro tem
Bro. Danl Topham	J W. " "
R. W. Wm Ball	G. M.
Bro Robt Wilson	Bro Wm Bartram
Bro John Wood	" Robt Porter
" Wm Bartram	" David Erwin, Tyler

Visiting Brethren

Bro Robt Moore	Bro Thos. Redman
" Jno McCauley	" Nicholas Bernard
" Danl Topham	" Jno. Hoodles.
" Siddle	" Daugherty
" Calbourne	

Transactions.—Mr. John Dunlap[5a] & Mr James Hume

[5a] Dunlap, John, printer, b. in Strabane, Ireland, in 1747, d. in Philadelphia, Pa., 27 Nov., 1812. While a boy he went to live with an uncle, William Dunlap, a printer and publisher in Philadelphia, at the age of eighteen entered the business, and in November, 1771, began the publication of the Pennsylvania "Packet." This paper was changed into a daily in 1784, the first in the United States, and afterwards became the "North American and United States Gazette." Mr. Dunlap was appointed printer to Congress, and first printed the "Declaration of Independence." He was an officer in the first

having been ballotted for was unanimously accepted & received the degree of an Entered Apprentice.

December 13, 1768.—Lodge in due form.—

Bro. Blath[t] Jones in the Chair

Present Nine Members—three Visitors, Bro William Shute[5b]—Bernard—Moore.—

Transactions.—Bros. James Hume & John Dunlap being desirous of Being advanced was by order of the Chair, examined and reported as worthy

It being reported to the Lodge that Brother Bell is about removing to a smaller house, Bros. John Howard, David Hall, George Bartram & John Wood are appointed to look out for a proper place to hold this Lodge; and make a report at the Next Meeting.

Anniversary Feast of St. John, December 27 1768. —Lodge in due form. Present

R. W. William Ball—Grand Master
R. W. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair.

David Hall } Wardens	
Alex Robinson } Wardens	
John Howard	James Hume
W[m] Bartram	And[w] Terhorst
W[m] Huston	Dunlap Adams
John Wood	Alex. Rutherford
Alex. Bartram	David Erwin
Bro. Whitezell	

Transactions.—The Lodge according to Custom Proceeded to the choice of officers when Brother Alex-

troop of Philadelphia cavalry, which became the body-guard of Washington at Trenton and Princeton. In 1780 he gave £4,000 to supply provisions to the Revolutionary army.

[5b] Formerly a member of the Tun Tavern Lodge (Moderns).

ander Robinson was Chosen & installed Master, Bro. John Howard S. W. Bro Danl. Montgomery J. W who not being present his Insallment is necessarily deferrd till next Lodge night.

Bro. James Hume is appointed Secretary during the remainder of his stay in the Province.

January 10, 1769.—Lodge in due form. Present—twelve members and one Visitor—John Gallaway.—

Bro. Alexander Robinson in the Chair

Bro. Blaithwaite Jones R. W. D. G. M.

Transactions.—A proposal being made by Bro John Howard for Mr John William to become a member of this Lodge. It is ordered to lie for a further consideration at next Meeting

Bro John Dunlap & James Hume being approved were both admitted to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and had the Benefit of a Lecture.

It is unanimously agreed that this Lodge meet for the future on the 2d & Fourth Tuesdays in each month till thought proper to be discontinued.

The first Lodge held at the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley Tuesday January 24th 1769

Lodge in due form—Present

The Worshipful Alex. Robinson in the Chair.

John Howard	S. W.
Danl. Montgomery	J. W.
R. W. Blaithwaite Jones	D. G. M.

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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
VIDELL'S (LODGE) ALLEY, 1769-1790,
SECOND STREET, BELOW CHESTNUT, WEST SIDE,
PHILADELPHIA.

Alex. Bartram	Wm Bartram
Alex Rutherford	John Wood
David Hall	James Claypoole
John Dunlap	Robt Wilson
James Hume	John Williams

Visiting Brothers:—Daniel Topham—Joseph Rhoads—John Follwell.

Transactions.—Mr John Williams being propos'd for a member of this Lodge & Petitioning for the same, was Ballotted for, approved & admitted to the Degree of an Enter'd Apprentice.

Mr. Thomas Tillger being proposed for to be admitted as a member of this Lodge by Bro. Danl. Montgomery, it is refer'd till next meeting for a further consideration.

It is Resolved unanimously that the Tyler or his assistant demand and receive of every member he admits into this Lodge one Shilling & Six pence on every evening the Lodge meets towards defraying the Expences of furnishing the Lodge with necessaries and the Overplus to go to the Stock.

The members of the Committe are appointed to meet on next Monday night in order to settle important business.—

January 30, 1769.—At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley—Monday Evening The Committe agreeable to appointment met & settled the Tyler's acc^{t} when it appeared by this Book that the Lodge is Indebted to him Two Pounds fifteen shillings for Eleven Attendances & accordingly an Order was drawn on the Treasurer for him to receive the same.

Present—David Hall—John Howard—Danl. Montgomery — John Wood — James Claypoole — James Hume.

Bro. Treasurer was desired by this Committe to have ready his Books settled to produce on the next Lodge Meeting.

At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley

Lodge met Tuesday Evening Feby 7 1769.

Lodge in due form—Present—

The Worshipfull Alex Robinson	Master
Bro John Howard	S W
" Danl. Montgomery	J. W.
R. W. Wm Ball	Grand Master
R. W. Blaith^{t} Jones	D. G. M.
David Hall	
John Dunlap	*Visiting Brethren*
James Claypoole	Bull
David Erwin	Reese

Transactions.—Brothers James Hume & John Dunlap were approved & Admitted to the Degree of Master Masons, Had the Benefit of a Lecture

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At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley

The Lodge met Tuesday Evening, February 28th 1769.

Lodge in due form—Present—Eleven members. five visitors:—Bro John Galloway—Daniel Topham John McCauley—Martin Jeizee—John Potts.—

Transactions.—Mr Thomas Tillyer who was formerly proposed for a member of this Lodge, was put

to the Ballot & approved but not being present it is order'd to lie till he attend.

Bro John Williams desiring to be advanced, was approved and admitted to the degree of a Fellow Craft & afterwards that of a Master Mason—He having rec'd the 3 Degrees before in the Modern way.

Mr Joshua Mitchell being proposed by Bro. John Williams to be admitted a member of this Lodge, it is ordered to lie till the next Lodge Meeting for a further consideration

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At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley
The Lodge met Tuesday Evening March 14—1769
Lodge in due form—Present thirteen members
Worshipfull Alex. Robinson, Master in the Chair.

Visiting Brethren—Danl Topham—Wm Shute—Jacob Harman—James Halden—Paul Isaac Vonto—Nicholas Bernhard—George Bartram.

Transactions.—Mr Thomas Tillyer being Balloted for & Approved at last Lodge Meeting, was now admitted to the degree of an Enter'd Apprentice and had the Benifit of a Lecture.

Bro James Hume acquainted the Chair & Lodge he intends to Britain shortly & desired a Secretary to be appointed in his Room. It is Order'd to lie for a consideration to appoint a proper Person against next Lodge Night.

Some business of importance being to be settled

shortly it is Order'd that a Committe meet on next Monday night to settle it

Mr Joshua Mitchell propos'd by Bro John Williams for a member of this Lodge, was put to the Ballot, and was not thought worthy.

At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley

The Lodge met Tuesday evening March 28th 1769

Lodge in due form—Present, Eleven Members & Daniel Topham a Visitor—Worshipfull Alex Robinson in the Chair.—

Transactions.—As Bro. James Hume intends to Great Britain shortly and can't attend the Lodge on that account.—Bro John Dunlap is appointed Secretary in his Room, and Bro David Erwin is instructed to apply to the Secretary for the future for Summons's & to serve them in due time.

Bro Thomas Tillyer applying to be advanced, was by Order of the Chair examined & reported worthy and accordingly admitted to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, had the Benefit of a Lecture.

At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley

The Lodge in due form met Tuesday April 11th 1769. —Present

R. W. Wm Ball G. M.—
Worsh. Alex. Robinson Master in Chair
Bro John Howard S W

Bro Danl. Montgomery	J. W.
" Alex Bartram	*Visiting Brethren*
" David Hall	William Shute
" James Claypoole	John Aigan
" Robert Wilson	Philip Thomas.

Transactions.—Mr John Porter being made formerly an Ancient Clandestine Mason and was now going to Sea, upon recomendation was admitted into this Lodge—Accordingly passed the degree regularly.—The unanimous Conclusion of the Lodge agrees that the Lodge meet the second Tuesday in every month as usuall only.

May 9, 1769.—Lodge in due form—W. M Alex Robinson in the Chair Present six members,—Eight Visitors.—Jas. Longhead—Wm Shute—Danl Topham — Robt. Moore — Jno McAulay — Wm Daugherty — Galloway—Woodrow.—[No Transactions]

Memorandum 12th June 1769 that the undernamed Brethren met but could not open a Lodge: viz—Alex. Robinson—Alex Rutherford—Robt. Wilson and John Egin a Visitor

July 11, 1769.—Lodge in due form—Members present

Bro. John Howard in the Chair.

" Danl. Montgomery	S. W.
" David Hall	J. W.
" Jno Wood	Bro David Erwin

Transactions.—It is the opinion of the Lodge, that the great neglect of the Brethren in attending the stated Lodge Nights, seems to require some new

Regulations to prevent the total decline of the Body & therefore Order "that each Brother be particularly summon'd to attend the next meeting to shew Cause why each member for the future should not pay 1/6 whether he attends or not which is Judg'd the only expedient to support the Lodge.

August 8, 1769.—Lodge in due form

W. M. Bro Alex Robinson in the Chair—present nine members.

Transactions.—Bros Jones, Howard, Hall & Wood are appointed a committe to settle the accounts relating to the Chairs had of Josiah Sherrald.

Bro. Dunlap. Sec'y. not having been notified of the transactions of the preceeding night, and thereby the brethren not being acquainted with the intended Regulations, the further considerations of the matter is refer'd to the next Lodge Night, of which each Brother is to have notice.—As also that a new member is intended to be ballotted for which is hereafter to be noted in every summons when a member is to be admitted.

Bro. Claypoole inform'd the Lodge that Mr Zacharias Nieman requests to become a member of the Lodge ordered to remain on the Books till next Lodge night of which every member is to have notice.

The Worshipfull Master at the request of Lodge 8 has invited the members of this Lodge to meet them at their Quarterly Communication at Bro John Pawlings on Tuesday next.—

September 12, 1769.—Lodge in due form—

W. Bro. Alex Robinson in the Chair
" David Hall S. W.
" Danl. Montgomery J. W.

Six members present—one Visitor Bro Eagan.

Transactions.—The Motion for fining absent members having been consider'd it was unanimously agreed that Each member that does not attend the stated Lodge Nights shall pay a fine of one Shilling & Six pence which it to be applyed towards defraying the expences of the Lodge.—

Ordered—that the Secretary give Notice in the next Summons to each member of the New Regulation.

Mr Zacharias Nieman was ballotted for & rejected.

October 10, 1769.—Lodge in due form

Worshipfull Bro. John Howard in the Chair
Bros. Danl Montgomery—Alex Bartram Wardens.—Eight Members present

Visiting Brothers

Bro John Deas
" John Hoodloss } Officers No 13
" Jery. Swain
" Peter Shirty
" Thos. Proctor.

Transactions.—The worshipfull officers of Lodge 13 presented to the chair a Remonstrance on the Conduct of Bros. Truman & Woodrow which on due Consideration of the Brethren, the Conduct of the said Brethren Truman and Woodrow is adjudged a high Misdemenor, justly deserving the Censure of this Body,

but as the Worshipful Master not being present, the matter is deferr'd until Next Meeting.

Had the Benefit of a Lecture

November 14, 1769.—Lodge in due form

W. Bro. John Howard in Chair pro tem
" David Hall } wardens pro tem
" James Haldane }
Eight Members—

Transactions.—Bro Blaithwaite Jones, reports that Mr Ephriam Bonham a Modern Mason is desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge—Ordered that he lay on the books for the Consideration of the Brethren untill next Lodge night.

A Committe is appointed to meet to morrow Evening to Consider of the case of Brother Bell & grant such relief as the circumstance of the Lodge may admit of.

Absent members fineable Danl. Montgomery, Messrs Rutherford—James Claypoole, John Dunlap, Alex. Bartram.

December 12, 1769.—Lodge in due form

W. Bro. John Howard in the Chair

Bros Alex Rutherford & James Hume Wardens pro tem

Seven members, and one Visitor James Haldane.

Transactions.—Mr. Ephriam Bonham was balloted for and approved. The Worshipfull Master expects that it is the desire of Mr Gibbs Jones to receive the

degrees of Masonry in this Lodge, Ordered that his name lie on the books till next Lodge Night.

December 19, 1769.—Extra Lodge in due form.

W. Bro David Hall in the Chair.
Bros. John Howard & Danl. Montgomery Wardens.
R. W. Blaithwaite Jones D. G. M.

Bro Robert Wilson	*Visiting Brethren*
" James Hume	Wm Shute
" Wm Bartram	Dr. Harris
" Alex. Rutherford	Danl Topham
" David Erwin	James Haldane
" John Wood	Bro Glenn
	" Bombary.

Transactions.—Mr Gibbs Jones was ballated for, approved of and received the degrees of an entered apprentice.—Had the Benefit of a Lecture.

At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley Lodge No 2 met On the Anniversary of St John, Wednesday Decr 27th 1769 Lodge in due form Present

Members		*Visiting Brethren*	
W. Bro. David Hall in Chair		Hugh McConnell	W. M. N° 14
John Howard	S. W.	Jas. Gilmore	
Alex Rutherford	D. J. W.	Jonathan Jerdon	S. W. N° 14
Blaithwaite Jones		George Gordon	
John Wood		John Atkinson jr	M. No 11
William Bartram		Joseph McGarraugh	J. W. No 14
James Bell		Robert Bumberry	
Gibb Jones			
John Dunlap	Sec'y		
James Hume			
Daniel Montgomery	J. W.		
David Erwin	Tyler		
George Bartram			
Thomas Tillyer			
Alex. Bartram			

Transactions.—Bro Gibb Jones Petitioning to be advanced was found worthy and accordingly was promoted to the Degree of a Fellow Craft—Had the Benefit of a Lecture &c.

The Lodge proceeded to chuse their Officers when Bro John Howard was chosen Master for the succeeding year, and was Installed with the usual Solemnities. After which he chose his officers, viz:—

Bro Alexander Rutherford S. W.—

" Alexander Bartram J W—who were installed as Usual. And nominated & appointed for the succeeding year

Bro Robert Wilson Senior Deacon
" Gibbs Jones Junior Deacon
" James Hume Secretary.

At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley, Lodge No 2 met Tuesday Evening January 9th 1770—Lodge in Ample form

Members		*Visiting Brethren*	
W. M. John Howard		James Halden	No 3
S. W Alex Rutherford		Wm Shute	M. No 3
Bro John Wood	D. J. W.	Danl Topham	
Capt. Blaithwaite Jones	D. G. M	Martin Chuch'e	No 3.
Bro David Hall			
" Wm Bartram			
" Gibb Jones	J. D.		
" James Hume	Sec'y		
" David Erwin	Tyler		

Transactions.—On the Motion of Bro. Gibb Jones

to be promoted he was approved & accordingly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

A Committe is directed to meet at the Lodge Room Next Friday the 12th instant in order to settle the Tyler's Acc^ts & other Business of the Lodge.

At the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley, Friday January 12, 1770—In the Evening the Committe met agreeable to last Lodge Appointment—

Present

William Ball Esq.	R. W. G. M	David Hall
John Howard	W. M.	Alex Rutherford
James Hume	Sec'y.	

Transactions.—Examined the Tylers acc^ts from the Minute Book & drew an Order on our Brother Treasurer which the W. Master sign'd for Three Pounds, five shillings payable to Bro. David Erwin for his Tyling the Lodge 13 Meetings last year to last St. John's Day. inclusive.

A written address of Bro. James Hume formerly presented to the Lodge was referr'd to the consideration of the Committe and was now presented and read twice to this Committe and all the propositions in it approved of, but as they are but few in number they re-commit it to the consideration of the next Lodge.

On Examining the Draws & Locks of the Blue painted cases found both out of order. Upon which Bro. Howard is desired to furnish the same with

Locks & repair every thing out of Order he shall find necessary about it, & bring in his acc^{t} to the Lodge for the same.

Extra Lodge in Ample Form the 29th January 1770

Present

Worshipf^{ll} John Howard Mast^{r} in the Chair

John Wood	Sen W.	Pro tem.
James Hume	Jun W	
W. Bro Blaithwaite Jones	D. G. M	
W. Bro Wm Shute	M. N° 3	
Bro Paul Is. Votto		
Bro John Fox		
Bro John McCally		

As several Brethren was present who were recommended to receive the Degree of Royal Arch Mason and Being Accepted. But not having Passed the Chair it being Necessary that a Masters Lodge should be oppened for that purpose the same was accordingly Done when the following Brethren viz: Bro John Fox & Bro. James Hume being found worthy passed the Chair.[5a]

Extra Lodge in Ample form, Monday February 5, 1770. Present

Members			*Visiting Brethren*	
Worshp. John Howard M. in the Chair			Wm Shute	M. N° 3
Bro John Wood S. W.	pro tem		Robt Moore	P. M
" Jas Hume J W	"	"	Paul Isaac Voto	
Worsh. Blaithwaite Jones D. G. M			John Fox	
" David Hall S. G. W			John McAuley	
Robert Wilson				

[5a] Vide Appendix II.

Bro James Hume proposed Mr William Smith to become a member of this Lodge, which is Order'd to lye upon the Books for a further Consideration of the Brethren at next meeting.

Mr William Ghiseling[6] a Modern Mason propos'd by our last committe to become a member, it is order'd by the Worshipfull Master to lye upon the Books till next Meeting for a further Consideration.

Lodge met in Videll's Alley, Tuesday Evening February 13, 1770. Lodge in Ample form—

Members		*Visiting Brethren*	
W. John Howard in the Chair		Robt Moore	P. M. No 3
Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.	Robt. Galbraith	No 3
" Alex Bartram	J. W	Nichs Bernard	
R. W. Blaithwaite Jones	D. G. M.	Bontamp Fartier	No 13
David Hall	Treas.	Dean Timmonds	
Bro James Hume	Sec'y	Wm Shute	M. N° 3
" Gibbs Jones			
John Wood			
Robt Wilson			
Capt John Davidson			

Transactions.—Mess. William Smith & Wm Ghiselin propos'd at last Lodge meeting to become members of this Lodge was respectively Ballotted for & unanimously approved of & each received the Degree of an Entered Apprentice.—Had the Benefit of a Lecture and Bro Wm Ghiselin was advanced to the degree of a Fellow Craft.

[6] William Ghiselin, made a Mason in Lodge No. 2 "Moderns" Dec. 27, 1752. Junior Warden in 1765. He was an Active Member of this Lodge until Dec. 27, 1763.

Lodge met in Videll's Alley according to Monthly Summons—Tuesday Evening March 13, 1770.

Lodge in Ample form—Present

Members		*Visiting Brethren*	
W. John Howard M. in the Chair		Br Jno Hoodlas P. M. N° 13	
Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.	" Jno Deas	M.—N° 13
" Wm Bartram	J. W. Pro. tem.	" Jno Egan	
" Gibbs Jones	J. D.		
" John Folwell	S. D. pro. tem		
" James Hume	Sec'y		
" Wm Smith			
" George Bartram			
" Robt Wilson			
" William Ghiselin	Tyler pro. tem.		
" John Wood			
" David Hall	Treasurer		

Transactions.—The Worshipfull Master of Lodge No 13 presented a Complaint to this Lodge setting forth that Bro. John Eaves of their Lodge had behaved himself unworthy & therefore the Lodge thought proper to make the same known to this Lodge. It is therefore Order'd to be taken due notice of.

W. M presented Mr Wm Thorne's account against this Lodge for the Rent of our Room and Appartments for which the charges £15. a year's rent & it is thought unreasonable & Ordered that Blaithwaite Jones & the W. Master with Bro David Hall be appointed to treat with Mr Thorne between the time of next monthly meeting & endeavour to get an abatement in the Accts.

Bro. John Wood proposed Mr Burras Dowdney to become a member of this Lodge which is ordered to

lie on the Books for a further Consideration at our next meeting.

Bro. George Bartram petitioned the Lodge to withdraw himself as a member for the time to come which is Granted & the Secretary is Order'd to post up his Acct to this date

On Consideration of the Inconveniences that has attended a Delay of not getting our Accts properly kept & regulated hitherto which now not being yet compleated for want of our Treasurer's Acct's. being exhibited. It is Order'd that the Secretary do Attend him & compleat his Acct & all other Acc^ts respecting the Lodge against next Monthly Meeting.

Ordered that the Lodge meet this Day Fortnight in the Evening to perform some necessary business.

Extra Lodge met Friday Evening March 23 1770 In Videll's Alley—Lodge in ample form—

Members present

W. M. John Howard in the Chair

Br Blaith. Jones	S. W.	Pro. Tem.	*Visiting Brethren*		
" David Hall	J. W		Bro	Wm Shute	M. N° 3
" James Hume	S. D.		"	John McAuley	No 3
" Gibbs Jones	J D		"	Paul Isaac Voto	N° 3
			"	John Hoodlas	P. M. No 13

Transactions.—Bro William Ghiselin having pass'd the Degrees of an Enter'd Apprentice & Fellow Craft, was recommended & approved of to be raised to the Degree of a Master Mason, which he accordingly received.

Extra Lodge met Tuesday Evening March 27, 1770. Lodge in Ample form—Present

Members		*Visiting Brethren*	
W. M. John Howard in the Chair		Bro James Gibbons	M. No 10
Bro Wm Bartram	S. W.	" Patrick Anderson	No 8
" Gibbs Jones	Jr. W.	" Jacob Ford	No 10
" John Dunlap	S. D.	" Percival Frazer	No 8
" " Folwell	J. D.	" William Evans	No 8
" John Wood		" James Martin	No 8
" David Hall		" John Bull	M. No 8.
" Blaithwaite Jones	D. G. M.		
" William Smith			
" Wm Ghiselin	Tyler pro Tem		
" James Hume	Sec'y.		

Transactions.—Bro. William Smith having been made an Enter'd Apprentice was Examined by the S. W. to be advanced accordingly receiv'd the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

April 10, 1770.—Lodge in Ample form—present ten members. W. M. John Howard in the Chair. Visiting Brethren. Bros. Swain—D. Oldenbouch—Wm Singleton—Edward Whitehead all of Lodge No 13.

Transactions.—Mr Burrows Dowdney having been ballotted for was approved off, and received the Degree of an Enter'd Apprentice.

Lodge Summoned at the Lodge room May 8 1770 But many of the members not attending no Business was done.

June 12, 1770.—Lodge in Ample form—present

R. W. G. M. William Ball
R. W. D. G. M. Blatht Jones.

R. W. John Howard Master in the Chair

Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.
" Alex Bartram	J W
" William Bartram	S. D.
" Jagues	J D (N. B. a Visitor)
" William Smith	
" R. Wilson	

Bro. Blaithwaite Jones prefer'd a Recomendation from Baltimore under the hand of one Wm Spener as Secretary of a Lodge held there. But the R W. Grand Master being present and fully Convinced that there is no Regular Lodge in Baltimore the same in itself is and is deemed by this Body as such. This Recomendation was in favor of a Certain Widow.

Bro. James Hume our Secretary has desired his name to be Razed out of our Books as a member the same was spoke of by the W. Master Bro John Howard & was canvas'd but as it was a verbal message the Master ordered it to lie on the Book for a more particular hearing when he might be present himself.

Bro Wm Smith having regular Served his time as an apprentice & worked as fellow Craft was admitted to the Sublime Degree of a Master

The W. Master having thought it Illconvenient to meet on Tuesday nights as several of the Brethren Members of St Paul's Church[7] being thereby deprived

[7] Saint Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Third St., between Walnut and Spruce St., was formed principally by persons who had previously been attached to Christ Church; they assembled for the first time for worship as a new congregation in the State House, June 22, 1760, and on 24th of same month the articles of agree-

of the Evening Lectures it was Ballotted whether the same could not without greater Illconveniency be changed. The same was Unanimously Carried in the affirmative it was then put to the Ballott what night was most proper & was determined on the Second Wednesday in Every month. The Secretary to have notice that he may persue according to these minutes.

Extra Lodge met in Videll's Alley Wednesday Evening, June 20, 1770. Lodge in Ample form. Present—Nine Members W. M. Bro Jno. Howard in the Chair.

Transactions.—Our Bro. Secretary Jas. Hume propos'd Mr Wm Koster to become a member of this Lodge and deposited 5/ of his Money in the Worsp^tt^ Masters hands as our Bro Treasurer was not here to lie for his Use. which is ordered to lie on the Books

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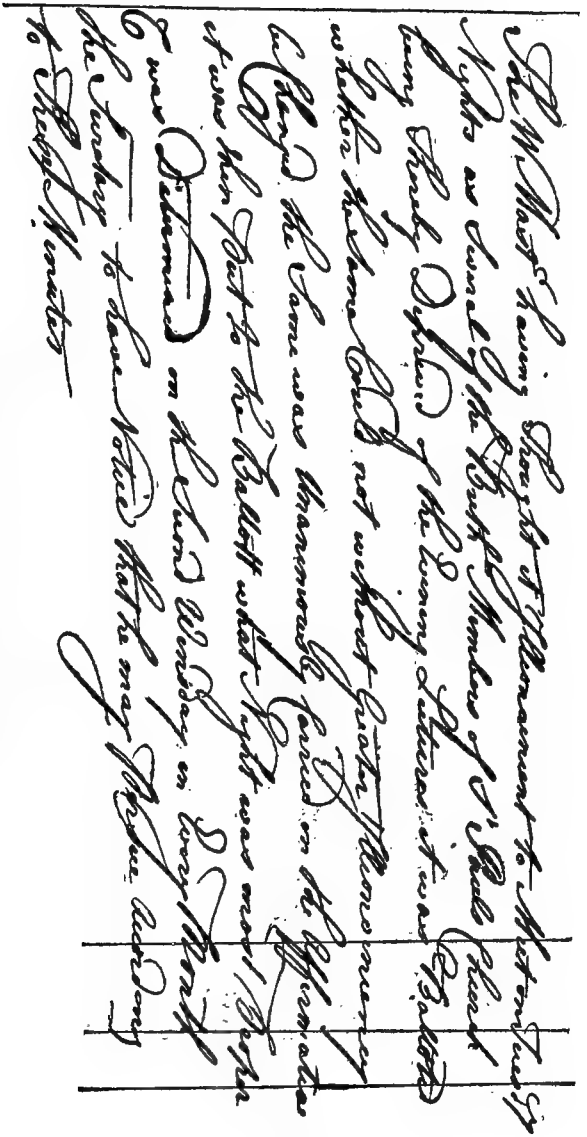
ment signed by 97 members. The present building was opened on Sunday before Christmas, 1761, although not consecrated until January 1, 1831. St. Andrews, Grace and Epipheny owe their existence in a large degree to the zeal and enterprise of the members of this Church.

Rev. William McClenachan was Rector June, 1760, to October, 1765, he removed to Maryland and died there, and Rev. William Stinger Rector May, 1773, to October, 1777, he died at Barnet in England, June 12, 1799. The other Rectors were Rev. Bro. Samuel Magaw, D.D., January, 1781, to March, 1804; Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D.D., March, 1804, to February, 1821; Rev. Bro. Benj. Allen, August, 1821, to January, 1829; Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D., May, 1829, to October, 1833; Rev. Samuel A. McCroskey, D.D., June, 1834, to June, 1836; Rev. James May, D.D., October, 1836, to May, 1840; Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., November, 1840, to 1880.



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for a further Consideration at next Lodge Meeting Bro Burrows Dowdney was approved worthy & admitted to the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

July 11, 1770.—Lodge met at the Lodge Room in Videll's Alley according to Monthly summons's Wednesday Evening, it being the first Monthly Lodge met in Wednesday since the day it was alter'd.

Lodge in Ample form Present

Members		*Visiting Brethren*	
R. W. G. M. William Ball		Andrew Donaldson	No 3
W. M. John Howard in the Chair		John Jones	No 3
Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.	Danl Topham	No 3
" John Wood	J W pro tem	John Ejan	No 3
" Wm Bartram	S D. " "	Martin Juseug	No 3
" Wm Smith	J D " "	Nicholas Bernard	No 3
" Alex. Bartram	J. W.	Peter Sutor	No 3
" Jas Hume	Sec'y	John Scott	
" Burrows Dowdney		John Galloway	No 3
" James Bell			
" Wm Ghisling	Tyler		

Mr Willm Koster who was proposed last Lodge Meeting by Bro James Hume Sect'y was now Baloted for and unanimously approved, and accordingly receiv'd the degree of Enter'd Apprentice.

Our Worshipfull G. M. propos'd Mr John Terris to become a member of this Lodge which is Order'd to lie till next Lodge Meeting for a further Consideration he also deposited 5/ Cash into the W Masters hands to lie for his Use.

A Petition from Thomas Foster a poor Man was

presented to the Worshipful Master and by his orders read for a consideration of the Lodge setting forth his being under distress as a Servant just arrived from Ireland & that he is a Mason but as he had no Certificate it was thought it did not come properly under our Consideration he not being a contributing member to any Lodge & accordingly was rejected.—

August 8, 1770.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley To Monthly Summon's Wednesday Evening. present Seven members—one Visitor Bro James Haldane No 3. Bro John Howard W. M in the Chair

Transactions.—The petition of Mr John Telles (who was proposed last Lodge Meeting) was read & he was put to Ballot and unanimously approved, and received the Degree of an Enter'd Apprentice. He paid £ 3—17—6 into the Worshipfull Masters hands being his initiation fees.

September 12, 1770.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley To Monthly Summons—Wednesday Evening Lodge in due form

Bro. Alex Rutherford W. M. in Chair No 2		
" Robert Moore of No 3	S. W.	Pro tem
" Nicholas Bernard of No 3	J W	Pro tem
" Martin Juguiz of No 3	S. D.	Pro tem
" Wm Smith No 2	J. D.	Pro tem
" Burrows Dowdney of No. 2	Sect'y	
" William Ghisling No 2	Tyler	
" John Telles No 2		
" Jas. Haldane of No 3		

Transactions.—Bro John Telles petitioning to be

advanced, was approved and received the degree of Fellow Craft.

October 10, 1770.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley, To Monthly Summons Wednesday Evening—

Lodge in due form—Present Eleven Members three Visitors Br Martin Juguiz—Bro Robt Bumbary Bro George Williamson.

Transactions.—Our Bro. William Koster Petitioning to be advanced was approv'd & received the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

On the motion of the Worshipful Master in the Chair that the candles lately furnished for the Lodge & now in use was very bad & appeared to be half or great part Hogs lard it is the sense of the Lodge that the Chandler be apply'd to on the purpose for an abatement for the Inposition

November 14, 1770.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley to Monthly Summon's Wednesday Evening Lodge in due form—Present Seven Members, four Visitors

James Berwick of No 13
John Jackson of No 3
Peter Suter of No 3
Stephen Corning of No 268 of Ireland
Bro Alex Rutherford in the Chair.

Transactions.—Bros. Wm Smith and James Hume recomended Mr Wm Haslewood (a member of Lodge 147 in Salop County & town of Bridge north in England as appeared by his Lodge Certificate produc'd) to become a member of this Lodge, it is Order'd to lie for a further consideration at next meeting

Our Bro. Alex Rutherford master in the Chair proposed Mr James Suter to become a member of this Lodge, & he deposited 10/ in Bro Rutherford's Hands to be deliv'd the Master for the use of the Lodge, it is Order'd to lie on the Books till our next meeting for a further Consideration

Bros. William Koster & John Telles desiring to be advanc'd was accordingly thought worthy & both received the degree of a Master Mason.

December 12, 1770.—Lodge met in Videll's alley to monthly summons—Wenesday Evening—Lodge in due form present—Seven Members, two Visitors Bro Wm. Haselwood of 147 England—Bro James Berwick of No 13.

Bro John Howard W. M. in the Chair

Transactions.—Our Bro Wm Haselwood a member of Lodge 147 in England who was proposed at last Lodge meeting for a member of this Lodge was now put to the Ballot and unanimously accepted as a member of the same. And paid one pound two Shillings & six pence into the worshipfull Master's hands as a fee appointed by the By Laws on admittance of any Member for the use of this Lodge.—

December 21, 1770.—An Extra Lodge met in Videll's Alley Friday Evening Lodge in due form—Present

Bro William Ball R. W. G. M in the Chair
" Alex Bartram S W
" John Davidson J W

Bro Wm Hazelwood	S. D.	Bro Robert Wilson	
" Jno Tellas	J. D.	" John Dunlap	
" Burrows Dowdney	Sec'y	" Jas Hume	
Bro Blaithwaite Jones		" Wm Costard	
" Jno Howard		" Wm Bartram	
" Alex Rutherford		" Stephen Cronin	

Visiting Bro Daniel Topping
Bro William Ghisling Tyler.

Transactions.—Our Bro Alex Rutherford propos'd Mr Emanuel Lyon to become a member of this Body he also deposited 10/ in Bro. Alex Rutherfords hands, to be deliver'd to the Master for the use of the Lodge it is order'd to lie on the Books for one Month or until our next meeting for further Consideration

Bro Alex. Rutherford	M.
" Alex Bartram	S W
" Wm Smith	J. W
" Jno Howard	Treas
" Burrows Dowdney	Sec'y
" Wm Costard	J. D.
" Jno Telles	S. D.

Our Brother Burrows Dowdney desirous of being advanced was accordingly thought worthy and receiv'd the Degree of a Master Mason

By the Bad behaviour and Ill conduct of James Hume the Grand Master Order'd him out of the Lodge.

The Anniversary Feast of St John's Day.

December 27, 1770.—Lodge in Ample form

The W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair.

Present R W. G M Wm Ball, ten members and three Visitors viz—Capt Jno. Bull of No 8—Bro Berwick of No 13 and Bro Capt. Tray

The Lodge according to order Proceeded to Install their Officers when the Rt Worshipfull Alex. Rutherford was install'd Master for the insuing year.

Bro	A. Bartram	S W
"	Wm Smith	J W
"	Jno Zeller	S. D.
"	Wm Costard	J. D.
"	Jno Howard	Treas
"	Burrows Dowdney	Sec'y.

January 9, 1771.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley to Monthly Summons Wednesday—Lodge in due form

Bro Alex Rutherford W M in the Chair

Members		*Visiting Brethren*
Bro Alex Bartram	S W	Bro Jno Galloway
" Wm Smith	J. W.	" Capt Young
" Capt John Davidson	S. D	" " Jno Scott
" Wm Costard	J. D.	" Cronin
" Bur. Dowdney	Sec'y	" Capt Stewart
" John Howard		" James Berwick
" Wm Bartram		" Danl Topham
" Robt. Wilson		" Bambury
" Peter Young		" Williams
" Wm Haselwood		" Peter Suter

R. W. Grand Master William Ball

Transactions.—Mr Emanuel Lyon being proposed at our last meeting by Bro Rutherford was accordingly balloted for and Black ball'd.

The petition of Mr Peter Young was read and he was put to the Ballot and unanimously approved of

and Received the degree of an Enter'd Apprentice

Notice being brought by our Bro James Berwick concerning John Hoodless' ill Treatment of our Bro James Deniston he being there excluded the benefits of that Lodge.

It also was agreed by the Majority of this Body that there shall be Three Locks and keys to the Pedestil.

Receiv'd of Bro Peter Young for Entrance £ 1—17—6

January 30, 1771.—Extra Lodge met in Videll's Alley—Wednesday Evening on James Humes Accompt. Lodge in due Form. Present—

Bro Alex Rutherford W M in ye Chair—Twelve Members

Seven Visiting Brethren

Bro Capt Stewart
" Cronin
" Capt Young
" Robert Greaves
" Danl. Topham
" Peter Sutter
" Grimes.

Transactions.—Br James Hume's papers was produc'd by Bro Costard and read by the Secretary and the Alligations laid against Rutherford and Howard was unaniniously agreed by the Body of this Lodge to be of no weight and the accus'd Brethren was not guilty of the Crimes Accus'd of.

Whereas it is the Opinion of this Lodge that Jas. Hume hath behaved so ill and charging the aff^sd^ mem-

bers with falsehood that he is Expell'd the benefits of this Lodge & that notices be sent to the Other Lodges concerning Hume.

February 13, 1771.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley to Monthly Summons Wednesday Evening—Lodge in due form Present ten members—Bro Alex Bartram W M in Chair

Transactions.—Bro Peter Young being desirous of being advanc'd was approv'd of and Receiv'd the degree of a Fellow Craft, and Likewise that a Master Mason. Our Bro Peter Young proposed Capt Crawford to become a member of this body it ordered to lye on the Book for one month for further consideration, and deposited 5/ in the Treasurers Hands.

Order'd that the Treasurer shall supply this Lodge against next meeting with a Mahogany Stand.

March 13, 1771.—Lodge mett in Videll's Alley to Monthly Summons Wednesday Evening—Lodge in due form—Present, Ten members, four Visitors

Bro Capt Young of No 3
" Grimes
Bro James Berwick of No 13
" Redman

Bro Alex. Rutherwood in the Chair.

Transactions.—Our right Worshipfull Master Alex. Rutherford proposed and brought with him two marble squares for the use of the Lodge, the body in general approved of them they was left accordingly

Capt. Samuel Crawford propos'd at our last meeting was balloted for and unanimously approved and received the degree of an enter'd apprentice.

Our W M. Alex Rutherford gave our Bro Jno. Howard orders to receive of our present Treasurer the sum of Three Pounds for a coffin made some time ago for a Brother who died in the Hospital.

A Committe was appointed to settle the Accompts of this Lodge.—Bro Jno Howard & Robt. Wilson was appointed to wait on the Late treasurer, sittle the same on next Thursday week.—

Next Wednesday is appointed an Extra Lodge for the Benefit of a Lecture and other business.

Likewise had the Benefit of a Lecture this Evening

By Cash Received of Bro Saml Crawford for Entrance £ 3—15—0

March 27, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett in Vidells Alley for the Benefit of Instruction—Present Eight members—one Visitor Bro Saml Benezet.

Bro Alex Rutherford in the Chair.

Transactions.—The By-Laws being read and had the Benefit of a Lecture—Our Bro Jno Dunlap propos'd Mr Jno Carnaan and Mr Wm Taylor to become members of this Body, it is order'd to lye on the Books until our next Lodge night he also deposited 10/ in the Treasurers hands.

Bro. Peter Young and Bro Jno Davidson and Alex Bartram are appointed to wait on our David Hall in Company with Bros Howard & Wilson to desire a settlement of the Lodge accompts and make report to the Master.—

April 3, 1771.—As the Committe could not con-

veniently meet on the day appointed it was postponed until the 3d of April.

A Committe mett according to appointment Members of the Committe met—Bros. Rutherford—Bartram—Peter Young—Jno Davidson—Smith and Bur. Dowdney—As the late Treasurer did not attend with his accompts nor the present Treasurer did not attend no business could be done.

April 3, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett in Vidells Alley Seven members present—Bro Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Transactions.—As Saml Crawford is to sail or leave Town to morrow 4th of April he is desirous to be raised to the Degree of a Fellow Craft being thought worthy it was accordingly Done.

And as the locks was found not sufficient it was thought proper by the Brethren present to deliver the Warrant into the hands of the Master which was also done.

Our R. W. Master received two Notes of Hand from Jno Kelly this day being the 3d of April of £ 3—15—0 each to be paid into the hands of Jno. Duffy Treasurer.

It is order'd that Bro Peter Young and Bro Davidson with Br Wilson to wait on Bro. Hall to morrow for the Last time in order to bring him to a settlement of the Lodge accompts.

April 5, 1771.—Committe mett in order to settle the Lodge accompts.—The Committe met but Bro Hall

thought fitt not to attend to render in the proper accompts of the Lodge and no Business could be done Bros. Davidson and Young waited on Bro Hall and he promised to attend with the Lodge accompts this Evening but did not. Members of the Committe met. Bro Rutherford Master—Bro A Bartram S. W—Bro W. Smith J W Bro Wm Costard J. D. Bro Jno Howard Treas—Bro B. Dowdney Sec'y. Bros Peter Young and Jno Davidson The Expenses of the Night was Six Shillings and Six pence

April 10, 1771.—Lodge mett in Vidells Alley to Monthly Summons—Twelve Members present W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Transactions.—Our Bro Alex Bartram made a motion whether or No Bro Hall had acted the part of a Brother Mason with regard to this Body it was thought by the Body in general that he had been very much deficient touching the accompts together with some other Perticulars relative to Masonry and Bro Hall is excluded from this Body. Bro Alex Bartram propos'd some allegations against Bros Blaithwaite Jones D. G. M. & Jno Howard and as Bro Jones was not present the Master thought it not proper to give a hearing untill it was presented in a proper manner, because the Master would not give a Hearing to the above affair Bros. Peter Young Jno Davidson, Wm Bartram & Bro Wm Haselwood Erased their names out of the Book and are no more look'd upon as members of this Body.—

[Written below in a coarse heavy hand. "This Minute is order'd to be sett aside as Erronious, Scandelous that is so far as touches Bro Hall. See Lodge Minutes the 13 June 1771.]

May 28, 1771.—Committe met by order of the Grand Master Present

R. W. G. M. William Ball
D G M Blaithwaite Jones
W M of No 2 Alex Rutherford
Bro Jon Howard Treas.
" David Hall late Treas.
" Burrows Dowdney Secy
" Gibb Jones.

Transactions.—Examined the Late Treasurers Bro David Hall's Accompts and found Balance in his hands Exclusive of the Monthly Dues and other Money not Collected Sixteen pounds Fourteen shillings and Tenn pence.—At the same time the Present Master Alex. Rutherford delivered into the R. W. G. M. hands a note to receive a Dividend of fifteen Pounds four shillings & Eleven pence of Jno Folwell's Note due to the Lodge

The nights expences Three Shillings and tenn pence and nine pence for a strainer which is £ 0—4—7

and Two and six pence for the Tyler serving the summon 2—6

0—7—1

Note the Two Wardens Alex Bartram & Wm Smith

had due notice By the Grand Masters orders & refused to attend on which the Grand Master order'd we should proceed to settle the acco[s] which was accordingly done and by order of the Grand Master Signed—

June 13, 1771.—Lodge in ample form at Lodge room—Members present

W. M Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Bro Jno. Howard	S W pro tem		*Visitors*
" Gibbs Jones	J W "	"	Thos Procter
" Koster	S. D.		Mac Fee
" David Hall			Bambery
" Jno Telles			

The Worshipfull Master ordered the Minutes of the Last Grand Lodge to be Read with Respect to such part as has any connexion with this Body and as Certain Allegations was exhibited to the Grand Body against our late Treasurer with several other reputable members of this Lodge they the Brethren having had the hearing in the Grand Lodge called for that Purpose was honourably acquitted and the Charge Therein Contained proved false & Scandelous and that the Minutes of the Last Lodge night of April 10 1771 is by the G. M[r] Orders—Declared Erronious—pernicious & Void and that Circular letters be sent to the different Lodges abroad to declare the Iniquity of Said Charge.

R. W. Master ordered the Ballott for W[m] Taylor who was some time ago entered on the Book the same was Unanimous

Likewise for John Cannon who was Unanimous.

Bro John Telles Beg leave to propose to this Body Mr Joseph Wade Sheridan to become a member of this Lodge the same was ordered to lay on the Books for a further Consideration and as he was some time ago spoken off but neglected to be Entered it was agreed that if a Dispensation can be got from the G. M. that an E. A. Lodge be Called for that purpose as he intends leaving the Province.

Orderd that the R. W. M. Alex Rutherford—Alex Bartram—Wm Smith and John Howard proceed to Collect the Dues of this Lodge & Continue to do so untill the whole be Collected.

Had the Benefit of a Lecture

Bro Thomas Proctor is desirous to become a Member of this Lodge—is ordered to lay on the Books.—

June 14, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett in ample form Present Seven members—four Visitors Bros Proctor Topham—Doct. Holdenburg and Burnbury

R. W. M Alex Rutherford in the Chair—

Transactions.—Our Bro Joseph Wade Sheredan being proposed last Lodge night was thought worthy and Received the degree of Enter'd Apprentice Paid his Entrance £ 3—15—0.

Mr Saml Jervis being desirous of becoming a member of this body it ordered to lie on the book for one month.

Likewise Mr. Thos. Crafts which was also ordered to lie on the books for future Consideration.

Our Bro Proctor desired to become a member of

this Body was ballotted for and thought worthy.—Our Bro. Proctor deposited in the hands of the Master for Thos. Crafts—

June 17, 1771.—The Committe met according to appointment. Members Present—

W. M. Alex Rutherford	Bro Will. Huston
Treas John Howard	" Gibbs Jones.
J W. Will. Smith	

Transactions.—The Committe examined the Accts. according to Order & have proposed that the W. M. Alex. Rutherford should take the Books home with him in order to draw off every members acc^{t} that some money may be Collected by the assistance of the Secretary.

June 21, 1771.—Extra Lodge met in Videll's Alley Lodge in due form present Nine Members one Visitor Bro Thos Leaming of No 8.

R. W. Alex Rutherford in the Chair.—

Transactions.—Our Bros. Jno. Carnan and Wm Taylor being propos'd some time ago—being found worthy Received the Degree of an entered Apprentice they also paid each £ 3—15—0

Had the benefit of a Lecture.

June 28, 1771.—Extra Lodge met in Videll's Alley Lodge in due form present six Members—three Visitors Bros Jno McCauley—Bumbary James Glenn. R. W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair—

Transactions.—Our Bros. Jos. Shereden and James Carnaan being desirous of being advanced was

thought worthy and received the degree of Fellow Craft.

Our Bro Thos Proctor propos'd Bro Jas. Glenn to become a member of this Lodge as he being formerly a Member of Lodge 13. Bro Proctor paid 10/ towards his admittion and 5/ for Thos Craft into the W. M.'s hands.

July 10, 1771.—Lodge met to Monthly Summons. Lodge in due form—Members present

R. W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair.

		Visitant Brethren
Bro Thos Proctor	J W	Bro Jno. McCauley
" Gibb Jones	S. W.	" Danl Topham
" Wm Costard	S. D.	" Cronin
" Jno Howard		" Bumbury
" Sam. Crawford		" Glenn
" Jos. Sherredon		" Saml Watts.
" Jno Tellas		
" Wm Taylor		
" Jno Carnaan		
" Bur. Dowdney		

Transactions.—Mr Saml Jervis and Mr Thos Crafts being ballotted for was unanimously thought worthy and Mr Craft received the degree of an Entered Apprentice Paid his Entrance £ 3—15—0.

Our Brethren Danl Topham—Bro Burnbury &c came by the Invitation of the Grand Lodge to offer themselves but as it was thought not Constitutional to ballot for the five Brethren at one time, and as they did Not Chuse to be Balloted for Singular they was objected against.[8]

[8] Cf. page 242, Chapter VII.

Our R W. Master proposed James Thompson to become a member of this Body it Orderd to lie on the books for one month for future Consideration

Its orderd that the Treasurer shall buy a Cheese before next Meeting and a Kegg of Buscuit.

July 12, 1771.—Extra Lodge met—Lodge in due form—Twelve members present R. W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair—

Transactions.—Our brother Saml. Crawford being desirous of being advanced was found worthy and received the degree of a Master Mason.—

Our Bro. Saml Jervis—being propos'd at a former meeting—and balloted for at our last Monthly Lodge night was thought worthy and received the degree of an Entered Apprentice.

July 26, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett—Lodge in due form

R. W. D. G. M Blath: Jones in the Chair

R. W. M. Alex Rutherford	S. W.	Bro Thos Crafts
Bro Gibbs Jones	J. W.	" Jno Carnan
" Thos Proctor	S. D.	" Wm Taylor.
" Wm Costard	J. D.	
" Jno Howard	Treas.	
" Bur. Dowdney	Sec'y.	

Transactions.—Our Bro Thos Crafts being desirous of being advanced was found worthy and rec'd the degree of a Fellow Craft.

Rec'd the Benefit of a Lecture

Our Bro Wm Taylor desir'd to be advanced was

found worthy and received the degree of a Fellow Craft.

August 14, 1771.—Lodge met in Videll's Alley to Monthly Summons—Lodge in Ample form—present, Eight members—three Visitors Bro—Glenn—Thos Walker—Bro Timmons (Tallow Chandler)

R. W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Transactions.—Margret Gardner by Bro Thos. Proctor threw in a petition to this Lodge craving assistance as she and her Children being in a very Indigant state as her husband is at a great distance from her and its orderd by the Master that the Treasurer shall pay into the hands of Bro Proctor the sum of 30/ for the Benefit of the af^sd^ Margaret Gardner, wife of Joseph Gardner.

James Thompson being Propos'd at our last Monthly Lodge night was Balloted for and Black-Ball'd

Bro Jno Carnan & Thos Crafts desirous of being Advanc'd was accordingly thought worthy, and both received the Degree of Master Mason.—

Its is agreed by this body that Bro. Howard, Bro Hall and Bro Dowdney to go or order a Time piece of Bro Huston that will run without going down full 35 Days.

August 17, 1771.—An Extra Lodge mett to settle a Difference between Daniel Topham and James Glenn

—Present

Members	*Visitant Brethren*
R W. M. Alex Rutherford	Bro Bumbury
Bro. Jno Howard	" McGannon
" Thos Proctor	" Purden
" Thos Crafts	" Glenn
" Saml Jervis	" Topham.
" Wm Ghisling	

Transactions.—The Determination of this Body that Bro Glenn and Bro Topham should shake hands and drink to each other and forget all former Animosity.

September 11, 1771.—Lodge met to Monthly Summons. Lodge in Ample form. Present Nine members

Two Visitors—Bro Robert Mitchell No 351 Ireland
" Robert Greaves No 3.

R. W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair—

Transactions.—Our Bro James being proposed in Nov. 1770 being balloted for was thought worthy and received the Degree of an Enter'd Apprentice. And hath paid up his Dues £ 3—15—0.—

Bro Glenn being balloted for and black ball'd as he hath sent a very Insulting Letter into this Body as follows:—

Gentlemen Anno Mundi 5771

Upon Mature Consideration am well Convinced of the Illegallity of your proceedings by your Ill usage to me last meeting and to prevent your Troubling your self any farther in Ballotting for me, as a mem-

ber Let you know I Decline Excepting any such proposals

I am your umble Servent

JAMES GLENN

To Mr Alexr Rutherford and the rest of the Brethren belonging to Lodge N° 2 Philadelphia

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Bro Wm Taylor being desirous of being advanc'd was thought worthy and received the Degree of a Master Mason.

October 9, 1771.—Lodge mett to Monthly Summons Lodge in Ample form Present ten members, two Visitors:—Bros Danl Topham—Bro Cronin.

Transactions.—Bro Howard is order'd to wait on Bro Hall our late Treasurer for to receive the Money due to the Lodge or an Obligation as the year is almost suspended and the Accompts is in want of a settlement it was also agreed that there shall be proper hangings or lace got against St John's

Mr James Sutton being propos'd and ballotted for was found worthy and rec'd the degree of an Enter'd Apprentice and paid £ 3—17—6.

Our Bro Wm Taylor propos'd Mr Jno Cox to become a member of this Body its orderd to lie on our Books till next Meeting.—he also deposited five Shillings in the Treasurer's hands.

Our Bro. James Sutter desirous of being advanced was found worthy and received the degree of a fellow Craft.

It is farther order'd that the Senior and Junior Wardens shall have summons to attend this Lodge and show cause why they do not attend the Lodge.

Had the Benefit of a Lecture.

October 10, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett—

Lodge in Ample form present Eight members—two Visitant Brethren—Peter Sutter—Bro Mushett

R. W. M. Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Transactions.—Capt Jno Cox being propos'd at our last meeting was balloted for and unanimously approved of, and rec'd the degree of an Entered Apprentice Paid £ 3—17—6

and the Expences of the Night 7—6

4— 5—0

Our Bro James Sutton being desirous of being Advanced was thought worthy and received the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

The By Laws was also read, and had the benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture.

October 16, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett according to appointment last Extra Lodge agreeable to give Bro. John Cox another step. Six Members present.

R W. M Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Our Bro. John Cox being desirous of being advanced was thought worthy, and received the Degree of a fellow Craft.

Had the benefit of a Lecture—

November 1, 1771.—Extra Lodge mett in Vidells

Alley—Lodge in Ample form—present Six Members —Bro Mushitt a Visitor

R W M Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Transactions.—Our Bro Capt Jno Cox being desirous of receiving the degree of a Master Mason was found worthy and received the same—

Received the Benifit of a Lecture.

November 13, 1771.—Lodge mett to Monthly Summons—Lodge in Ample form—Present Six Members —four Visitors:—Bros Bumbury—Cronin—McCauley —Thos Redman.

Transactions.—It is agreed by the Brethren present that there shall be an Extra Lodge called on accompt of our late Brethren Wm Smith and Alex. Bartram to show cause why they have not attended this five months past

It is order'd that the Treasurer shall buy a blanket Rugg or anything else that will answer the End better that he shall think fitt.

Our Bro. Sutter being desirous of being rais'd was found worthy and Received the Degree of a Master Mason.—

November 27, 1771.—Extra Lodge met—in ample form.

According to appointment last stated lodge night for Alex Bartram & William Smith Wardens of No 2 to show Cause if any they have for their Non attendance & to pay Lodge dues.

R. W. D. G. M Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair

Alex Rutherford	S. W.	Pro tem
John Howard	J W	
John Carnan	S. D.	
James Sutter	J. D.	
Thos Crafts	Secy	

Bro Will. Costard
" Wm Taylor

Visiting Brother
James Claypoole

Transactions.—Alex Bartram, being particularly Summonds and not attending this Lodge but treating this Body with Contempt by sending the Summonds unopened, besides the Contempt put upon this Worshipfull body, they have violated the Trust in which they were solemly engage as Senior Warden. It was ballatted wether he should continue a member of this Body or not, it was carried in the Negative.

And Willm Smith treating the Body with the same Contempt & has violated the Trust in which he were solemly engaged as Junior Warden it was ballatted wether he should continue a member of this Body or not, it was carried in the Negative.

Our former Wardens being excluded, the Lodge proceeded to chuse New Officers and unanimously Choose

Thos. Crafts	S W.
Wm Taylor	J W
James Sutter Sec'y	Sec'y
John Carnan	J. D.

December 11, 1771.—Lodge met to Monthly summons Lodge in due form at half after seven O'Clock present Seven members—Two Visitors Bros Dean Timmons and Stephen Croney.

Transactions.—Mentioned by the Worshipfull as St Johns Day being nigh that sundry things should be ready, for which ye Worshipfull & Brother Howard Agreed to gett such Articles ready as was mentioned and that a Committee is appointed, to meet on Friday ye 20th Instant to settle the Accounts of the Lodge.

December 20, 1771.—Committe met according to appointment. Present

R. W. M. Alex Rutherford	James Sutter Sec'y
S W. Bro Thos. Crafts	John Howard Treas.
J. W. " Wm Taylor	

Transactions.—Could not finish the business adjourned till to morrow Evening 6 O'Clock.

December 21, 1771.—Committe met according to Adjournment

Present—W. M. A Rutherford—S. W. Thos Crafts —J W Willm. Taylor. For want of a full Committe no Business was done.

December 27, 1771.—Lodge mett to Monthly Summond—Being St John's day.

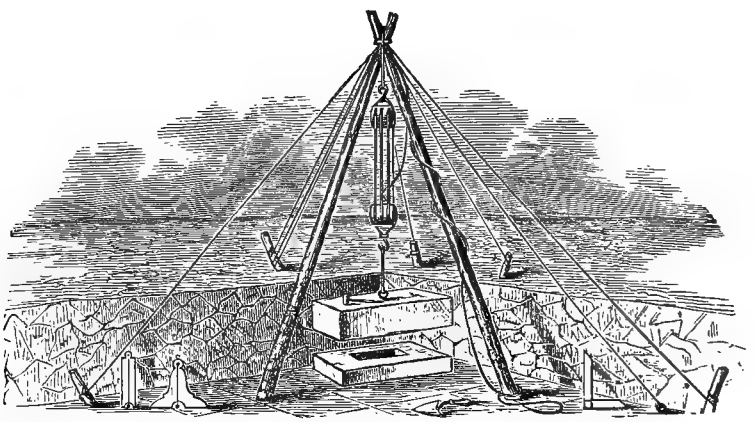
Members Present—

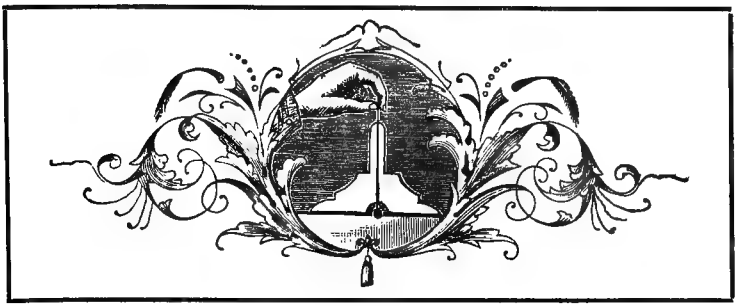
Bro. Alex Rutherford in the Chair	
" Blath. Jones	R W D. G M.
" John Howard	Treasurer
" Thos Craft	S. W.
" Will Taylor	J. W.
" John Carnaan	J. D.
" Thos Proctor	S. D.
" James Sutter	Sec'y

Transactions.—The Lodge proceeded to Chuse their Officers, when Brother Thomas Craft was chosen Master for the Succeeding year. & was Installed with the usual Solemnities, After which he choose his officers, viz:—

Bro Thomas Proctor	Sen. Warden
" Wm Taylor	Jun. "

Who were installed as usual and Nominated & appointed Bro. John Howard Treasurer Bro James Sutter Sec'y. Bro John Carnaan S. D. & Bro Saml Jervis J. Deacon for the ensuing year.





CHAPTER VII.

The Genesis of a Provincial Lodge.

TATEMENTS have been publicly made on divers times in a sister jurisdiction that our early Pennsylvania Lodges were not properly constituted by regular Masonic authority. Thus far the particulars in detail of just how a Masonic Lodge was formed in provincial times was an unknown story.

Of late, however, there has been resurrected from among the musty archives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, an old leather-bound tome—a minute book, which gives us the whole story from the very inception of the movement until it finally became a duly warranted Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons.

This record further shows us the circumspection of these early unaffiliated brethren, and the persistent efforts made by them to obtain a regular warrant. The old tome also shows the fostering care of our Provincial Grand Lodge and its officers, in the welfare not alone of the Brethren, but also of the two

Lodges already established under the Ancient York rite.

A careful perusal of these entries as copied from the old minute book, will prove interesting reading to the Masonic student of the present generations of the twentieth century, and form an important contribution to the Masonic history of the Masonic Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, July 2, 1770.

We whose names are Under Written, being Ancient free and accepted Master Masons, and not now belonging to any particular Lodge, after some consideration have come to a Resolution (as we have a sincere love for the Craft) to associate with an Intention to Petition the Right Worshipful Grand Master for his Warrant to hold a Lodge.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON WILLIAM WOODROW
ROBERT BUNBURY JAMES GLENN
DANIEL TOPHAM

Appointed the *Sign of the George*[1] for the next place of meeting the Wednesday following.

PHILA., Wednesday, July 4, 1770. 2d Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

[1] The Sign of the George was a well-known tavern on the southeast corner of Second and Arch Streets, still standing, 1908.

Transactions.—After divers conversations on the Principles of the Craft appointed the *sign of the Swan* in Second street for the next place of meeting.

Monday, July 9, 1770. 3d Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—Convers'd on the Nature and Government of Lodges, and appointed the *Sign of the Buck*[2] in Second street for the next place of meeting.

PHILA., Monday, July 16, 1770. 4th Meeting.
At The Buck.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—Agreed that three Brethren do compile a sett of By-laws for the whole. Appointed our next meeting at the same place on the Monday following.

Buck. Monday, July 23, 1770. 5th Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—The persons appointed to compile our By-laws, produced some which were read and approved of, appointed to meet on the Monday following at the same place.

[2] The Buck was on Second Street, west side, above Race Street.

Buck. Monday, July 30, 1770. 6th Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—More rules produced which were approved of and then agreed to meet the Monday following at the same place.

Buck. Monday, August 6, 1770. 7th Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Samuel Watts, Dave Topham and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—More Rules produced which were approved of as before—appointed to meet at the same place next Monday.

Buck. PHILA., August 13, 1770. 8th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham, Watts, Glenn and Woodrow.

Transactions.—More Rules produced as before, and agreed to meet the Monday following at the same place.

Buck. PHILA., August 20, 1770. 9th Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—Business as before, adjourned to Monday following at same place.

Buck. August 27, 1770. 10th Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson,

Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—This night open'd a Lodge for the Benefit of Instruction, as well as to chuse proper persons to present to the G. Master—appointed to meet on the Monday following.

Buck. September 3, 1770. 11th Meeting.

Present—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham, Watts, McGannon.

Transactions.—Spent the Evening in Conversation on Masonry—No Lodge Open'd this night.

Buck. PHILA., September 10, 1770. 12th Meeting.

Present.—Banbury, Williamson, Watts Woodrow and Glenn.

Transactions.—Consulted on petitioning the Grand Lodge for a warrant and then adjourned to the Monday following.

Buck. September 17, 1770. 13th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham, McGannon and Glenn.

Transactions.—Agreed to Petition the Grand Lodge, for the Grand Master's warrant, and then appointed next Monday to meet at the same place.

Buck. September 24, 1770. 14th Meeting.

Present.—Banbury, Williamson, Topham, Watts, McGannon, Woodrow and Glenn.

Transactions.—This night sent in our Petition to the Grand Lodge, and received for answer, "That it was

read, and lay on the Table for a second reading, at which time you shall have timely notice" Agreed to meet the Monday following.

Buck. October 1, 1770. 15th Meeting.

Present.—Robert Bunbury, George Williamson, Daniel Topham, Samuel Watts, James Glenn, Michael McGannon and William Woodrow.

Transactions.—Resolved to meet the next Monday Eveneing at 6 O'clock—Orders were given to buy a Book to enter our Transactions in.

Buck. PHILA., October 8, 1770. 16th Meeting.

Present.—R. W. G. M. William Ball, Bunbury, Topham, Williamson, Watts, Glenn, Woodrow and McGannon.

Transactions.—The Right Worshipful Grand Master, William Ball Esqr Opened a Lodge for Masonical Instruction.

Buck. October 15, 1770. 17th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham, Watts, McGannon and Woodrow. Visitors, John McCauley and Edw. Webster.

Transactions.—Waited with Anxiety for the coming of some of the Grand officers, but they did not come according to our Expectations.

Buck. October 27, 1770. 18th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Glenn, Woodrow and McGannon. Visitor, Wm. Doherty.

Transactions.—James Glenn came to get his part of the stock which we are raising for defraying the Expences of the G. Master's Warrant when the G. Lodge may think proper to grant it; which was accordingly return'd to him, as appears by the Cash book.

Buck. October 29, 1770. 19th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Williamson, Watts, McGannon and Woodrow. Visitor, John McCauley.

Transactions.—It is agreed that any person joining us, Shall pay one Shilling for each night of meeting from the beginning of our association, and likewise his proportional part of the necessaries of the society.

Buck. November 5, 1770. 20th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Williamson, Watts and Woodrow. Visitors, Nichols, Bernard, John McCauley, Stephen Cronin and Edward Webster.

Transactions.—Sat with the Implements necessary before us on the Table—Collected the Reckoning and Clos'd the Evening with a few Songs on the Honour of the Craft.

Buck. November 12, 1770. 21st Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Williamson and Watts. Visitor, Edward Webster.

Transactions.—Spent the Evening in Conversation on the principles of Masonry, and appointed to meet the Monday following at the same place.

Buck. November 19, 1770. 22d Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham and Watts. Visitors, John McCauley, Stephen Cronin and Edward Webster.

Transactions.—After waiting some time for the Right Worshipful Grand Master, had the Benefit of a Lecture.

Buck. PHILA., November 26, 1770. 23d Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Williamson, Watts and McGannon.

Transactions.—Had a Conversation to the Satisfaction of each other, and went home about nine O'clock.

Buck. December 3, 1770. 24th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham and McGannon. Visitor, Edward Webster.

Transactions.—Spent the Evening in conversing on Masonry, broke up at half past Nine O'clock.

Buck. December 10, 1770. 25th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham, Watts and McGannon.

Transactions.—After diverse Conversations on Masonry, we found our proper time was come. Like Brethren parted and went home.

Buck. December 17, 1770. 26th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Watts, Topham and McGannon.

Transactions.—Had a few Songs, spent the Evening pleasantly, and appointed to meet next Wednesday.

Second Street, December 24, 1770. 27th Meeting. *Sign of the Ship.*

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham and Watts.

Transactions.—Drank 3 Bowls Toddy in about 3 Hours which we Waited on the Grand Lodge paid our Reckoning and went home.

Buck. December 31, 1770. 28th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon and Woodrow. Visitors, Alex. Rutherford, John Howard and Bradford Roberts.

Transactions.—The Deputy G. Master came not into the Room tho under the same Roof. So we paid our Reckoning and went home.

Buck. January 7, 1771. 29th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon, Williamson and John McCauley.

Transactions.—Lodge open'd, a Lecture on Masonry, the Evening spent in Harmony.

Buck. January 21, 1771. 30th Meeting.

Present.—Banbury, Topham, Williamson, Watts and McGannon. Visitor, Bro. Redman.

Transactions.—Three Brethren were desired to apply to John Folwell about a chest of Drawers. Had a Lecture and parted in Harmony.

Buck. February 4, 1771. 31st Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, Williamson, McGannon and McCauley. Visitors, Stephen Cronin, Bro. Rutherford and Graves.

Transactions.—Had the Benefit of a Lecture, and spent the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. February 18, 1771. 32d Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Williamson, McGannon and McCauley.

Transactions.—Lodge open'd, no Lecture, but spent the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. March 4, 1771. 33d Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, McGannon and Williamson.

Transactions.—No Lodge open'd Spent the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. March 18, 1771. 34th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, Williamson, McGannon, Woodrow and McCauley.

Transactions.—Lodge open'd, had a Lecture, Resolved to wait on the Grand Lodge to know the Result of our Petition; and spent the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. April 1, 1771. 35th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Topham, Watts, McCauley, McGannon, Woodrow and Wm. Doherty.

Transactions.—On Mature Consideration, agreed to Continue our meeting untill we apply by Remonstrance to the Grand Lodge.

Buck. April 15, 1771. 36th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, Woodrow, McCauley and Doherty.

Transactions.—It is agreed that we discharge our Tyler untill we receive a warrant.

Buck. April 29, 1771. 37th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson, Woodrow and McCauley. Visitor, Stephen Cronin.

No Lodge open'd, but spent the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. May 13, 1771. 38th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, McCauley and Watts.

No Lodge open'd, but spent the Evening agreeably.

Buck. May 27, 1771. 39th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Williamson and McCauley.

No Lodge open'd, but spent the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. June 10, 1771. 40th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, Williamson, McGannon and McCauley.

Transactions.—Settled the Lodge Accts and gave each member their accts and find that there is due

to the stock	£ 10— 0—9½
Enclusive of 17/ in the Treasurer's hands	17—0
	£ 10—17—9½

PHILADELPHIA, June 22, 1771.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon and McCauley.

At the Grand Lodge with our Remonstrance

Where present had a hearing, and it was adjudged by them, after mature Consideration, that it was not expedient, nor for the good of the craft, at present to grant us a warrant, not that we were thought undeserving: but on account of some unhappy differences arising in Lodge No. 2 of this City, by which that ancient Body has been reduced to a very declining state, it was therefore thought to be more for the Benefit of the Craft, to assist that Body, than to form a new one, whilst that was so much in want of support, and accordingly recommended to us to join that Body or any other in the city that may be agreeable to us.

Buck. PHILADELPHIA, June 24, 1771. 41st Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham and Watts. Visitors, Thos. Smith Judwin, Thos. Banks, Benjamin Tate, Andrew Hoey and Stephen Cronin.

Transactions.—Met about One O'clock, Dined at Two, Drank the King and the Craft, the Grand Masters and Officers of America, England, and Ireland, and all Lodges Regularly Constituted. Then took a walk for Recreation, and returned at seven o'clock where we concluded the Evening in Harmony.

Buck. July 8, 1771. 42d Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon and McCauley. Visitor, Stephen McCauley.

Transactions.—Having taken into Mature Consideration the Sentiments of the Grand Lodge, tho we are of the Oppinion had our Remonstrance been laid before them, they may more completely Judge of its Merits (which thro either neglect or design of the D. G. Master was not done) yet notwithstanding, when we understood, that Lodge No. 2 seem'd to want support, we, agreeable, to our always avowed resolution, of our principal Intention and desire in a Constitutional Manner, to promote the prosperity and good of the craft, did Unanimously agree, that for that end, we cou'd not act more Suitably than afford said Lodge, all the Support in our Power, & accordingly did determine, to wait on them on their next stated night of meeting, Conformable to the Reccommendation of the Grand Lodge, and to the Invitation of their Master, princuple officers and members in order to join that body.

We will here break off with our record so as not to run ahead of our story; suffice it to say that these Brethren were eventually duly constituted into a regular Lodge which upon the Roster of our Grand Lodge stands as Number 4. How and why they did not affiliate with Lodge Number 2 as recommended by the Grand Lodge will appear in its proper place in our history of that Lodge.

As stated in a previous chapter the Brethren at their 42d Meeting held July 8th, 1771, who later were constituted as Lodge No. 4, determined to consolidate with Lodge 2 as recommended by the Grand Lodge at the Communication held on the previous 22d of June. The result of this attempt at consolidation is thus recorded in the Transactions of Lodge 4, being their 43d Meeting, held at the Buck, July 22, 1771, viz:

Present.—Bros. Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon, McCauley and Cronin.

Agreed to insert, the behaviour of Lodge No. 2 to us on the 10th Inst. at their monthly meeting where was present

Worshipfull Alexander Rutherford, in the Chair.

Br Gibs Jones, as S. W.	not 2 years a Mason.
" Thos. Proctor, as J. W.	not 4 weeks a member.
" Wm. Koster, as S. D.	not 9 months a Mason.
" John Tellus, as J. D.	a Portugese did not understand English, cou'd not ansr one Question.
" John Howard, Treas.	
" Burrows Dowdney, Secy.	
" Crawford	a craft enter'd last month.
" Sheridan	a craft enter'd abt a month ago.
" Taylor	enter'd not two weeks.
" Cannon	a craft not two weeks enter'd.

According to a Determination of the Grand Lodge, connumicated to us, that it was not at present expedient to grant us a warrant, but recommended us to join No. 2, who requested us to Join them; we having taken the affair into Mature Consideration,

did Unanimously agree, that it appear'd to us, that No. 2 was in want of Support, and that it was our Duty as Masons, and for the Benefit of the Craft—to Join that Body, and afford them all the assistance in our Power: pursuant to which we altogether waited on them at their Lodge for that purpose; where on a Ballot we were refused, by one Black ball, avowed by Dr. Gibbs Jones, who at same time declared, he had conversed with several members of No. 3 whom he said would have done as he did, had we applied to join them, upon several times being asked his reasons he gave none, only positively Insisted, if it was to do again he wou'd persevere. And several times asked to know what right the Grand Lodge had to recommend to us, to join their Body, yet at the same time declared he had no objection to any one of us.

Buck. August 5, 1771. 44th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Watts, McGannon, Woodrow, McCauley, Doherty and Cronin.

Transactions.—In pursuance of the Rt. Worshipfull's leave to assemble as usual, we met here, And Lodge being Opened in due form, it was proposed, and unanimously assented to, that in Consequence of our Memorial to the Rt. Worshipfull Grand Master, requesting amongst other things therein mentioned, his written sanction, or dispensation for us to meet legally as Masons, which as yet we have not yet received.

That therefore Br Bunbury and Bro Topham, are requested, to wait on the Rt. Worshipfull G. Master for his answer.

Buck. PHILA., August 19, 1771. 45th Meeting.

Present.—Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon, McCauley, Woodrow and Cronin. Visitor, John Biles.

Transactions.—It being moved whether it should be requisite to employ a Tyler for this Body, being debated, and the Question put it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bro. Woodrow has been requested to have a proper chest made for the use of this Body. In consequence of the minutes of last meeting Bros Bunbury and Topham waited on the Grand Master this day for his answer to our last Petition to him, whose ans^r was, that he would grant his Written despensation as soon as his Business and time would permit.

The Committe are desired to meet on particular Business at 7 O'Clock on Wednesday Evening next.

Buck. September 2, 1771.

Present.—Bros. Bunbury, Topham, Watts, McGannon, McCauley and Cronin.

Transactions.—Agreeable to our Minutes of Aug 5 last Bros Bunbury and Topham waited on the Grand Master, In consequence whereof he has been pleased to give an abstract of the Dispensation which he thought Requisite, has desired it may be copied, and annexed to our Petition to him to be kept by

him, and also that we should transcribe a fair copy of said Petition and Dispensation, which he will Sign for our use.

If being reported to us by some of our Brethren who visited No 3 on their last Stated Meeting, That a French Gentleman Named Jas. Dubois Le Maitre was by them looked upon as an object of Charity, and therefore recommended him to the Benevolence of the Brethren, in order to assist him to go to his Native Country, we have Voluntarily Subscribed 15/ and requested Bro Bunbury to pay it to Bro Nich. Bernard for the use of the said James Dubois Le Maitre.

Buck. September 18, 1771.

Having received the Dispensation which we required of the Rt. Worshipfull Grand Master & in consequence whereof applied to him to knowe his pleasure respecting the Installation of our officers, he was pleased to Constitute and appoint Bro Daniel Topham in his name and place, to Proceed, and to install the Officers of our Body. Accordingly being met there were present:

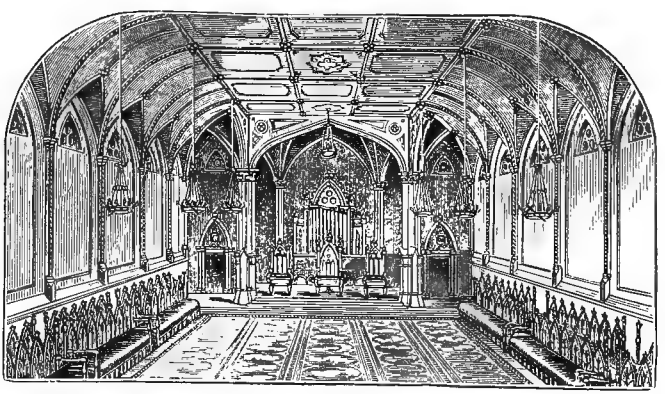
Bro. Topham Representative of the G. M. p. t.

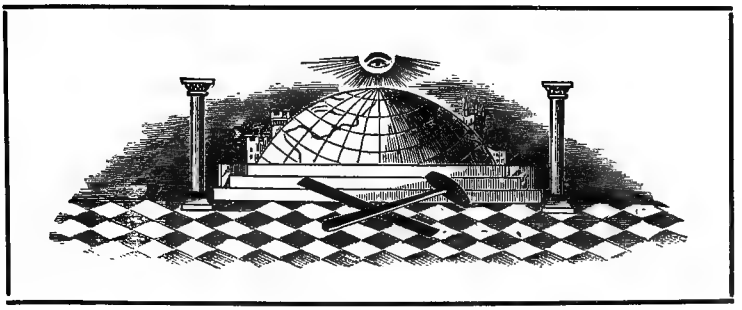
"	Robert Moore	D. G. M	pro tempore
"	Alex Rutherford	S. G. W	pro tempore
"	Nich. Bernard	S. J. W	pro tempore
"	Robert Bunbury		
"	Saml Watts		
"	Stephen Cronin		

Transactions.—Lodge opened in ample form Bro Robert Bunbury was presented to the representative of the Grand Master, and Installed Master of this body until next St John's day, who thereupon did Install Bro Daniel Topham Senr Warden and Bro Samuel Watts Junr Warden of Said Body for said time.

Business being finished Drank the R^t Worshipfull Grand Master of this Province, the new installed Master, the Grand Lodge, all regularly constituted Lodges round the Globe—And so Concluded the Evening in Harmony.

Henceforth the New Lodge Known upon our Register as Lodge No 4—became an active Masonic body in our Community and during the Revolution was a bright luminary in the Masonic Horizon of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.





CHAPTER VIII.

Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1772–1777.

Beginning of the Revolutionary Period.

OUR story of the Lodge during the revolutionary epoch is divided into separate chapters, according to the divers historical periods of that struggle. As this was one of the most important periods in the Masonic history of America in general and Pennsylvania in particular, we have given the minutes of our Lodge in full from 1776 to 1781, as well as all of the names registered as present, both members and visitors.

A careful study of these minutes from 1776 to 1781 will go far to show the influence which our Fraternity exercised toward the attainment of our independence and the formation of our National Government. If the minutes of the other Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be compiled for the revolutionary period, and published, it would be seen that almost all of the

officers of the American army, from Washington to the subaltern, were members of the Craft, and that the majority owed fealty to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The present chapter brings us down to the beginning of the British occupation of Philadelphia, October, 1777.

The years under consideration in the present chapter were fraught with stirring events, both political and social, and marked the beginning of that great struggle between the mother country and the American Colonies, ending with the independence of the latter, and the formation of the nucleus of a great nation.

The following events are all grouped within the six years covered by this chapter, the most important of which took place in Philadelphia, and wherein members of our venerable Lodge were active factors in the patriot cause: The Boston Tea Party, November, 1773, Boston Port Bill, March 25, 1774; Meeting of Deputies at Philadelphia, September 5, 1774; Declaration of Rights, November 4, 1774; Act of Perpetual Union between the States, May 20, 1775; George Washington appointed Commander in Chief, May, 1775; Continental Congress at Philadelphia, 1774–1776; America declared "Free, Sovereign and Independent" at Philadelphia, July 4, 1776, in the State House built 1734–35, while Franklin was Grand Master of Masons; Hessians surrender to Washing-

ton at Trenton, December 25, 1776; Lafayette joins the American Army, 1777, and finally Cornwallis occupies Philadelphia in September, 1777.

These political changes also had their effect upon the Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania—beneficent to the "Ancients,"—detrimental to the "Moderns." Thus while the Lodges of the "Moderns" became more or less moribund—on account of the Royalistic proclivity of their members—those of the "Ancients" flourished, and it may be said became a rallying point for such of the prominent men who were actively engaged in the struggle for American independence.

Our Pennsylvania Lodges, originally composed of loyal subjects of England, early in the struggle changed their personnel by the admission of men prominent in the patriot cause, and the records of our three Philadelphia Lodges, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, show many eminent names of historic fame in our country's history who were brought to true Masonic light within their well-tyled portals, until in the autumn of the year 1777, when Philadelphia, for a short time only, by the vicissitudes of war, again fell under British rule.

January 8, 1772.—Lodge mett to Monthly Summond Lodge opened at Seven O'Clock in due form. Present Twelve Members—one Visitant Bro. Joel. Zane

Bro Thomas Craft W. M. in the Chair—

Transactions.—Our Business not being finished of

St Johns Day—Bro John Howard being chosen Treasurer was Installed with the usual solemnities & Bro James Sutter being chosen Sec'y. was Installed with the usual Solemnities.—

Bro. John Howard, proposed Levia Marks & Bro James Sutter proposed James Nevill to become a member of this Body it is desired to lay on the Book till our next meeting:

The Committe is ordered to meet next Monday ye 13th Instant to settle the account of the Lodge.

Bro. Joel Zane producing a Certificate of his being an Antiant Mason, desired to become a member of this Body which was Ballotted for & was approved of.

Abraham Franks & Abraham Drew came as Visiters & was found not worthy and desired to Acquaint No 3

January 13, 1772.—Committe met according to appointment—Members Present

Thos. Crafts	W. M.
Thos Proctor	S. W.
John Howard	Treas.
Alex Rutherford	
Wm Gisling	Tyler

Transactions.—Examined the Treasurers Accounts, and find he is Indebted to the Lodge Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings & Two pence. The Committe Adjourn'd till this night week—not having time this night to compleat the Business.

January 20, 1772.—Committe met according to appointment

Present W. M. Thos. Craft and Six Members

Transactions.—Our Brother Alex Rutherford late Master, delivered into the hands of our present Master Bro Thomas Craft the Warrant of this Lodge, and sundry notes of hand as per his Receipt.

N. B Remaining in the hands of Bro Alex Rutherford one note of hand from John McGlathry on Thomas Trust for £ 13—5—0 to be taken in Carpenter work.

The Committe adjourned till next Friday night ye 24th Instant for want of the Treasurer's Book.

Bro Proctor finding the Locks of ye Pedesle out of order that the Committe has appointed him to put them in order.

January 24, 1772.—Friday—Committe met according to adjournment but not being a full Committe no Business could be done.—

January 27, 1772.—Committe mett by the Masters Orders—Finished settling the Books and settled the Tylers Accounts and Carried it to the New Ledger[1] being £ 0—16—7.

February 13, 1772.—Lodge in Due form

Worshipfull Bro Thos. Craft in the Chair

Nine Members present.—

Transactions.—Mr Saml Nevill was proposed ye last night to be entered by this Body when it was

[1] This Ledger is still in possession of the Lodge.

thought advisable that he should remain on the Lodge books until the next Lodge night at which time he was duly Ballotted for and not found worthy.

Levey Marks was also legally ballotted for and not found worthy. The within Transaction was desired to be Presented in writing to the Brethren of Lodge N° 3.

A Petition from Wm Hollias was presented to the Worshipfull in the Chair. Setting forth his Deploreable situation. The matter was duly considered by the Brethren, and found not Expedient to supply his present necessities, Otherwise than by Voluntary subscriptions at which time W. M. Br Crafts & Bro S. W. Proctor should collect the same.

A Committe was appointed this Evening to meet the 17th Instant. To settle the accts of Bro David Hall as there appeared a Visible Mistake.

February 17, 1772.—Committe mett. Agreeable to the Transactions of the former Lodge and Examined the Accts of Bro David Hall in a perticular manner and find him indebted to Lodge No 2 the sum of Seventeen Pounds, Nine Shillings and ten pence half penny, Allowing him the Commission of two pounds Eleven Shillings, and gave directions to Bro Howard to receive the same or a Voucher sufficient for £ 17—9—10½ Brethren present W. M. Thos Crafts—Bros Thos Proctor Jno Howard Treas—Saml Crafford—Tyler Gisling.

February 20, 1772.—Extra Lodge by appointment

of the Committe above mentioned to have the benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture, which was Complyed with by the W. M. Bro Thos Crafts.

Brethren Present

W. M.	Bro Thos Crafts	Bro	Saml Crafford
S. W.	" Thos Proctor	"	Saml Jervice
J W	" Wm Taylor	"	Wm Bisling, Tyler.
S. D.	" John Carnan		

February 29, 1772.—The Body being summoned by the W. M. Bro Crafts on Business of Immergency four Brethren attended viz:—

					Absent Brethren
Bro	John Howard	Treas			
"	Thos Proctor	S. W.	W. M.	Bro	Thos Crafts on business
"	John Carnan	S. D.	J W.	"	Wm Taylor
"	Gisland	Tyler.	J D	"	Wm Huston
			Sec'y	"	Sutter on business
				"	Saml Jervis
				"	Joel Zanes
				"	Saml Craford gone to sea
				"	Jones
				"	Rutherford

March 11, 1772.—Lodge met in due form agreeable to the Monthly Summons—Members present—

Bro	Thos Crafts	W. M. in the Chair
"	Thos Proctor	S W
"	Wm Taylor	J. W.
"	Jno Carnan	S. D
"	Sam Jervis	
"	John Howard	
"	Gibbs Jones	Dp Sec'y

Lodge Opened and had the Benefit of an Entered Apprentice Lecture—Lodge Closed—

April 8, 1772.—Lodge met in due form, agreeable to Monthly summons. Present Six Members—Two Visitors:—J. W. Bro Croney—Bro Holenburg.

Lodge opened at Nine O'Clock, being an entered apprentice Lodge—Closed in good Harmony.

May 13, 1772.—Lodge met agreeable to Monthly Summons Opened in Due form. Present Six Members—Three visiting Brethren: Bros. Christ^{r} Hughs N° 15 Step^{n} Cronin—Hercules Courtnay—W. M. Crafts in the Chair

Transactions.—Bros Samuel Jarvis and James Sutton were this night rais'd to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

It being moved that the Rent and other Expenses attend'g this Room are too expensive it was agreed that a Committe be appointed to find a proper and Commodious room in a Tavern and make their report thereof the next Lodge night.

June 10, 1772.—Lodge met agreeable to Monthly Summons Opened in due form—Present

Bro	Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair	
"	Thos Proctor	S. W.
"	John Howard	J. W.
"	Robinson	S. D.
"	James Sutter	J. D. & Sec'y

Transactions.—Lodge Opened at Nine O'Clock, it was agreed that Bros Jones, Howard & Robinson should go amongst the Brethren of No 2 to raise a Collection for the Relief of Bro. Dunlap Adams.—

The Committe appointed last Lodge night to look

for a Room has not found one convenient, and that an extra Lodge shall be Called the 24th of this Month for which Summons shall be Issued out for the same when a Report will be made to ye Worshipfull of a Room to move the Lodge.—The Summons is to desire the Brethren particular for them to attend, to chuse a Master & to Concult in mooving the Lodge to some conveniant plase as the Committe shall find. Lodge Closed at half after Ten in good Harmony.

June 24, 1772.—Extra Lodge met according to Summons at Twelve O'Clock being St John's Day—Opened Due form—Present

Worshipful Bro Blait. Jones in the Chair	
Bro Roberson	S. W.
" Wm Taylor	J W
" Gibb Jones	S. D.
" John Carnan	J. D
" Alex Rutherford	
" James Sutter	Sec'y
" Gisslen	Tyler

Transactions.—The Members Proceeded to Choose a Master for the Remainder time of the present Year when Bro. Alexr Roberson was chosen by Majority and was Installed with usual Solemnities, the Committe made a report of a Room, that was conveinant at Bro Thomas Craig which was unanimous chosen & the Body agreed, to meet at the house of Thomas Craig the Second Wednesday in July next being the stated Monthly night of our meeting—

Lodge closed at half past four in good Harmony.

"At ye Sighn of Sir Jno. Falstaff"

July 8, 1772.—Lodge met agreeable to Monthly summonds at the House of Thos Craig, and opened in due form Bro W. M. Roberson in ye Chair—Present Eight Members. Two Visitors Bro Fergus Purdon J. D.—Stephen Croney.

Transactions.—Lodge opened at Nine O'Clock, it is agreed by the Worshipfull & ye Body that the Treasurer shall furnish the next meeting with an English Cheese and one Kegg small Bisketts, its appointed that the Committe shall meet next Monday evening to settle some acct^s that our late Master Thos Crafts put in the hands of our Treasurer Jno Howard.

Lodge closed at Ten Oclock in good Harmony

July 13, 1772.—The Committe appointed to examine & settle the Treasurer's Acco^ts met according to appointment, but the Treasurer not appearing, business could not be done, it is therefore agreed that the Committe meet on Thursday Evening next to make a final settlement of the Accomp^ts

August 12, 1772.—Lodge mett agreeable to Monthly Summonds at the "Sighn of Sir John Falstaff" W. M. Bro Roberson in ye Chair—present Eight Members—John Galloway Visitor.

Transactions.—Lodge opened at Nine Oclock—Capt Jas Prince being proposed to become a member of this Body—which his Petition was read and approved, it was then according put to Ballot which was

unamious approved of, and being a Transient Person & going to sea in three or four days, took his first step in Masonry after the usual Solemnities, the by-laws was read to our new admitted Brother which after he had them read, signed them & paid his fee being £ 3—15—0.

Lodge closed in good Harmony.

Friday, August 14.—Lodge met according to order, in order to pass our Brother Jas. Prince—

Bro Alex. Rutherford in the Chair—Present—

Bro Thos Proctor	S. W.	*Visitors*
" Wm Taylor	J W	Bro Capt Hanson
" Gibbs Jones		" Peter Sutter

Lodge opened at Ten Oclock & proceeded to business when our brother Jas. Prince was raised one step.

September 9, 1772.—Lodge mett agreeable to Monthley Summons at Thos. Craigs

Summons being Issued out to all the Brethren which none attended sufficient to open the Lodge

Members present James Sutter Sec'y William Gisslin, Tyler.

October 14, 1772.—Lodge met agreeable to Monthly Summons at Thos. Craigs.

Present—Thos Proctor S. W.—Alex Rutherford—James Sutter Sec'y.—Wm. Gisslin Tyler.—Wm Taylor.—

November 11, 1772.—Lodge mett agreeable to Monthly Summond at Thos. Craigs. Bro Thos Proctor in the Chair Present Eight Members & Bro Wm Fulton a visitor

Transactions.—Lodge opened at Six Oclock it was agreed that Bro. Thos. Proctor & Bro William Taylor to weight upon the Grand Master to know his Sentiments in regard of Raising the Money to pay ye rent of the house,—that this body mett before this—its further agreed that the Locks of the Pedastle should begott in Order & also that the Drawr in which the money is contain'd in shall be furnished with three Locks & Keys & be deposited in the Masters, Senior & Treasurers hands untill there is a Committe of Charity Choose to pay & receive for any as they shall see fitt.

December 9, 1772.—Lodge in Due form Worshipfull Bro Alexander Robinson presiding Master. Present

Bro	Thos Procter	S. W.
"	Alex. Rutherford	J. W. pro tempore
"	Saml Craford	Sen. D.
"	Thos. Crage	Jun. D.
"	John Galloway	Visitant

Transactions.—Capt Jas Buchall prays an admittance into the body of N° 2. And by order of the Worshipfull M & Brethren Tis to lay on the Books, untill farther Inquirey

Bro Wm Singleton was proposed a member by Bro Rutherford accordingly Balloted for in due form, and found worthy.

An Extra Lodge Appointed on Monday 21st instant to Chuse the Officers for the Insueing Year.—The Secretary is to issue perticular Summons's on S^d^ Occasion

Lodge closed at Nine O'Clock persisely.

Extra Lodge

December 21, 1772.—Mett according to appointment Lodge opened in Due form—

Members Present—

	Visitant Brethren	
W. Bro Robinson in the Chair.	Bro William Ball	R. W. G. M.
	" John Wood	D. G. M.
	" William Shute	No 3
	" Fulmer	
	" Alex Kidd	

Transactions.—The members began to a Master which Bro. Thos. Proctor was chosen Master for the ensuing year, then began for a Senior Warden which was Unan^sly^ chosen Alex Rutherford S. W—then proceeded for a J. Warden which Brother Sutter was unan. chosen Junr. Warden—then proceeded to choose a Treasurer which Bro. Wood was unan^sly^ chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Lodge is Adjourned till 2 Oclock St John's Day—

Lodge Closed at Nine O'clock in good Harmony.

[Here ends the first minute book of Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M.]

December 28.—Lodge mett according to Adjournment being St Johns Day.

Members Present—

W Bro	Thos Craft in the Chair.	
"	Thos Proctor	S. W.
"	Alex Rutherford	J. W.
"	Saml Jarvis	S. D.
"	Singleton	J. D.
"	James Sutter	Sec'y

Transactions.—Lodge opened at Four O. clock and installed the Master Thos. Proctor with the usual Solemnities & likewise the Senior & Junior Wardens in the same manner & with the usual Solemnities. Which Alex. Rutherford S. W. & James Sutter Junior Warden, and then proceeded for a Secretary which John Carnaan was proposed for a secretary & accordingly was ballotted for & was Unan[ly] carried in the Affirmative chosen Secr'y for the ensuing year & Bro. Saml. Jervis Senior Deacon & Bro Singleton Junior Deacon & closed in harmony.

January 13, 1773.—Lodge mett in due form agreeable to the Monthly Summonds.—

Members Present.

Wm. Thomas Proctor	in the chair	*Visiting Brethren*
Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.	Bro. Rhoads
Bro Thomas Crafts	J. W. pro tem.	Bro Des Vories
Bro Wm Singleton	S. D.	Bro Coats
Bro Thos Craig	J. D. pro tem.	Bro Craig
Bro John Carnan		
Bro William Taylor		
" Coats	Sec'y p. t	

Transactions.—Lodge opened at half past six ordered that a Committe do meet on Wednesday the 20th inst. Notices to be given by the Tyler.—It was proposed that the Unnecessary furniture of the Lodge should be disposed of.

Bro. Carnan and Taylor chose to decline attending the Lodge for certain Reasons.

Had the Benefit of an entered apprentice Lecture.

Closed in good harmony at a quarter past nine.

January 20, 1773.—Committe met according to appointment and adjourned to January 25.

January 25, 1773.—Committe mett according to adjournment. When the late Treasurers Accounts were examined and Settled the Ballance being One Shilling and five Pence was paid into the hands of the present Treasurer. Expences of the Committe paid by the Treasur 7/6.

February 10, 1773.—Members mett agreeable to Monthly Summonds—Present Bro. Thos. Proctor W. M. Bro. Alex. Robinson—Visiting Brethrens Bros. John McCauley—Capt Stewart—Bombary.

Transactions.—As Bro. Craig was moving & not a sufficiency of the Brethren mett could not go upon any Business.

March 10, 1773.—Lodge in due form

Members Present

W. M. Thomas Proctor in the Chair		
Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.	*Visiting Brethren*
Bro James Sutter	J. W.	Bro ——— Bumbary
Bro Alex Robinson	Secy p. t.	Bro Peter Sutter
Bro Thos Crafts		Bro John McCalley
		Bro ——— Devores
		Bro Chas Allen
		Bro ——— Purdin

Transactions.—Bro. James Sutter apply'd in behalf of Mr. Jacob Bankson of Willmington to be made a Member of this Body.—Ordered to lay on the Books.

It was order'd that the W. M. Thos Proctor—Alex

Rutherford & Alex Robinson be commissioners to the Transacting of the sales of the Unnecessary Furniture of the Lodge.

Had the benefit of a Lecture, closed in good harmony at Ten O'Clock.

April 14, 1773.—Lodge in due Form.

Members present—

Bro Thos. Proctor	W. M.	Bro Alex Kidd	
Bro James Sutter	S. W.	Bro Peter Sutter	
Bro Willm Singleton	J. W.	Bro Thos. Craig	
		Bro Peter Kurtz	
		Bro Jame Devores.	

Transactions.—Mr. Jacob Bankson was balloted for and Unanimously excepted to become a member of this Body.

Received the benefit of a Lecture.—Closed in Good harmony at half past nine.

May 12, 1773.—Lodge in due form

Bro. Thomas Proctor W. M. in the chair. Five members and Six Visitors present, viz:—

Bros. Stephen Cronin—John McCalley—Thos. Redman—Capt Wm. Castle—James Devores—John Sturges

Transactions.—As our Brother John Carnan declin'd serving as secretary after being regularly chosen, Brother Thomas Crafts was unanimously chosen Secretary for the ensuing year.

Closed in Good Harmony at half past nine.

June 9, 1773.—Lodge in due form

Members Present

W. M. Thomas Proctor in the Chair	
Bro. Alex Rutherford	S. W.
Bro James Sutter	J. W.
Bro Willm. Singleton	S. D.
Bro. Martin Jugea	J. D. pro. tem.
Bro John Howard	
Bro Thos. Crafts	Sec'y

Visiting Brethren

Bro Daniel Oldenburg		Bro	Neaman	No 3
Bro John Galloway	No 3	Bro	McGlathery	
Bro James Devoras	No 3	Bro Saml Tobin		No 5
Bro John McCalley	No 4	Bro Martin Jugea		No 3

Transactions.—A petition was handed to the W. Master by Bro Sutter setting forth the disagreeableness of the house we now meet in, it was according put to Ballot to remove the Lodge. It was Carried in the Affirmative was ordered that a Committe look for a Convenient House & report it to the Body. Bro. Rutherford reported that he received from Bro. John McGlathery all his dues amounting to Four Pounds which he is accountable for to the Treasurer—

Bro McGlathery withdraws as a member of this Body on account of his living out of Town.

Bro Wm. Singleton paid his Dues to this date & one pound nine Shillings was put in the Box

July 14, 1773.—Lodge in due form

W. M. Thos. Proctor in the Chair. present Three Members three Visitors viz:—Bros. John Galloway—Alexander McKachen—Benj. Leigh.

Transactions.—Bro Rutherford proposed Bros. Mc-

Kachen and Ming to become members of this Body—ordered to lay on the Books for further consideration

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 Oclock.

August 11, 1773.—Lodge in due form

W. M. Thos. Proctor in the Chair. present four members

Transactions.—Bro. Woollery Ming and Bro. Alexander McKachen being proposed last Lodge night was ballotted for and was unanimously chosen to become members of this body.

Closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

September 8, 1773.—Lodge in due form

Present

Bro Thos. Crafts in the Chair		
Bro Steven Cronin	S. W.	pro tem
Bro Wm Singleton	J. W.	pro tem
Bro Donaldson	S. D.	pro tem
Bro Alex. McKachen	J. D.	pro tem
Bro Woodrow		pro tem

Visiting Brethren

Bro Cronen	No 4	Bro Woodrow	No 4
Bro Donaldson	No 3		

Transactions.—Lodge opened at 8 O'Clock—had the Benefit of a lecture from Bro. Crafts—Closed in good harmony at 10 O Clock.

October 13, 1773.—Lodge in due form

W. M. Thos. Proctor in the Chair—present five members and Three Visitors—viz:—Bros. Isaac Voto—Hugh Stewart—Martin Jugiez.—

Transactions.—A report was made by the W.

Master that the unanimous Consent of No. 3 was given to meet at Bro Purden's, agreeable to the Minute of June 9th. It was ordered to lay on the Book, for the decision of a full Body—Had the Benefit of an entered apprentice Lecture.

Closed in good harmony at 9 O'Clock.

November 10, 1773.—Lodge in due form

Members Present

W. M. Thos. Proctor in the Chair

Bro Alex Rutherford	S. W.		*Visiting Brethren*		
" James Sutter	J. W.	Bro	William Shute	No 3
" Thos. Crafts	Sec'y	"	John Fox	No 3
" Wm Singleton	S. D.	"	James Fulton	No 3
" Alex. McKaghon	J. D.	"	Hugh Stewart	No 3
" Wilore Ming		"	Peter Sutter	No 3
" Wm Taylor		"	Joseph Fox	No 3
		"	Saml Young	No 3
		"	John Galloway	No 3
		"	James Mushet	No 3
		"	Barney Coarse	No 7
		"	George Budd	No 7
		"	John Clegg	
		"	James Clinch	

Transactions.—It was the unanimous Opinion of the Body that the house of Bro. Purden (for certain Reasons) was not so convenient as at Mr Allen Moore's and being under the necessity of moving immediately the W. Master with the Consent of the majority ordered to move to Mr Allen Moor's.—It is therefore agreed the consent of the members present should be had for the Continuance or removal of the same.—It was accordingly put to the ballot and carried in the affirmative to continue.

The petition of Mr Allen Moore was handed to the W. Master (for becoming a member of this Body) was accordingly read and put to ballot and was unanimously approved of.

Brother Wollore Meng and Bro Alex McKaghon paid their Dues for becoming members of this Body which was 1—2—6 Each and two pounds put in the Box.

Closed in good Harmony at 9 O'Clock.

December 1, 1773.—Extra lodge

Members present

W. M. Thos. Proctor in the Chair	
Bro Alexander Rutherford	S. W.
Bro James Sutter	J. W.
Bro Thos. Crafts	Sec'y
Bro Gibbs Jones	S. D. Pr Tem.
Bro Alex McKaghon	J. D.
Bro Wallore Meng	
Bro Allan Moore	
Bro William Taylor	
Bro John Galloway	

Visiting Brethren

Bro John Fox	No 3	Bro Robert Graves	No 3
" Joseph Fox	No 3	Bro Peter Clinch	
Bro John Galloway		Bro Robert Bumbary	No 4
Bro James Claypoole	No 7	Bro James Brown	No 7

Transactions.—The Petition of Bro John Galloway being handed to the chair to become a member of this Body (and being personally known by all Brethren & producing a Certificate from No 3 was accordingly balleted for and was Unanimously approved of.

The Petition of Bro Peter Clinch was accordingly

handed to the Chair, to become a member (and not being personally known to the Body) was ordered to lay on the Books till next Lodge night.

Mr. Allen Moore being approved of the last lodge night was accordingly innitiated into the first step of Masonry.

The Petition of Mr James Wilkinson was handed to the Chair—was ordered to lay on the Books till next Lodge night

Bro Galloway paid his dues being £ 1—2—6, and one Pound was put in the Box.—

December 8, 1773.—Lodge in due form.

W. M. Thomas Proctor in the Chair present—Ten members and five Visitors, viz:—Bros Robert Grave No. 3—James Brown No 7—George Budd No. 7—John McCalley No. 4—William Martin No 3.—

Transactions.—Bro. Peter Clinch being proposed last night but not attending this evening was defer'd till the next Lodge night.

The petition of Mr James Wilkinson was taken into consider'd & was accordingly balletted for and Unanimously approved of and was accordingly innitiated

As this being the night for the Election of Officers was accordingly put to ballad & Bro. Alex. Rutherford Master—Bro William Tayler S. W. Bro John Galloway J. W. Bro James Sutter Sec'y—Bro Alex. McKaghon S. D. Bro. Wollore Meng J. D.

It was appointed to meet the committe on Wednes-

day next the 15th day of Decr Bro Wood was als chosen Treasurer.

December 15, 1773.—Committe met according to appointment—

Transactions.—Bro James Wilkenson pay'd his Dues being £ 3—15—0 and 2/6 for enrolment

Bro. Allen Moore also pay'd his Dues as a Modern Mason which was £ 1—15—0 and 2—6 to the Sec'y

Bro. Wm Gisling as Tyler rec'd One Pound—five Shillings.

Paid Bro Allen Moore £ 2—18—10 for moving the Lodge & sundry expences which also was taken out of the Box, in all amounting to £ 4—3—10.

Time not permitting—the meeting of the Committe was postponed till further Orders—

December 22, 1773.—Extra Lodge.—

Members present

			Visiting Brethren	
W. M. Thomas Procter				
Bro. Alex Rutherford	S. W.	Bro	Daniel Topham	No 4
Bro James Sutter	J. W.	"	John McCalley	do
Bro Thomas Crafts	Sec'y	Bro	James Brown	
Bro Saml Jerviss	J. D.	Bro	Jas. Wilkinson	
Bro Alex. McKaghon		Bro	George Budd	
Bro John Galloway		Bro	Benj. Lee	
		Bro	Thos. Banks	

Transactions.—Bro James Wilkinson passed to Fellow Craft. Petitions were received from John Carson, Walter Cole and Dartrick Galt—ordered to lay on the Books for further Consideration.

Closed in Good Harmony at nine O'Clock

December 27, 1773.—Lodge in due form
Members Present

W. M. Thomas Proctor		*Visiting Brethren*
Bro Alex. Rutherford	S. W.	Bro Caleb Parry
Bro James Sutter	J. W.	Bro William Gough
Bro John Galloway	S. D.	Bro Jas. Lowery No 5
Bro Alex McKahon	J. D.	
Bro Thos. Crafts	Sec'y	

Transactions.—This being St John's Day we accordingly proceeded to the installation of Officers and Bro Alex. Rutherford was Installed W. Master

Bro William Tayler S. W.

Bro John Galloway J. W.

Bro Sutter declined serving as Secretary

The Grand Officers not attending, we could not present our officers.

[Note in the early days of our Masonic history it was the custom to present the newly elected officers to the Grand Lodge.]

January 12, 1774.—Lodge in due form

All officers present. Visiting Brethren:—Bros. Doctor Brown—Peter Clinch—Peter Sutter—Robert Graves—Thomas Huff—Robert Pumroy—George Budd—Hugh Stewart—John McCalley.

Transactions.—Bro Peter Clinch admitted a member Walter King Cole—Dartrick Galt—and John Carson were balloted for and approved—and entered.

"As the locks of the Pedistal was out of Order & unsafe our Worshipful Master was appointed to get new locks & see it sufficiently secured.

Closed in Good Harmony.

January 25, 1774.—Extra Lodge in due form.

Present—all officers—and Bros Peter Clinch—James Wilkinson—Patrick Galt—John Carson—Walter King Cole. Visiting Brethren Bros. Joseph Fox—James Glyn—Willm Gough—Robert Stedman—Peter Kirts and Thos. Moore.

Transactions.—Met at half past six, had the Benefit of a Lecture for the benefit of the new-admitted Brethren.

Closed in good Harmony at nine O'Clock—

February 9, 1774.—Lodge in due form.

Members present

Bro Thos. Proctor	W. M. p. t.	*Visiting Brethren*
Bro Thos. Crafts	S. W. p t	Bro Bumbery
Bro Alex McKaghon	J. W. pt	Bro Doctor Budd
Bro Peter Sutter	S. D. pt	Bro Robert Pumroy
Bro Thos. Huff	J. D. pt	Bro James Glyn
Bro Samuel Jervis		Bro Peter Sutter
Bro Doctor King Cole		Bro Jacob Bankson
Bro Doctor Carson		Bro John Brian
Bro Allen Moore.		Bro Joseph Fox
		Bro Thomas Huff

Transactions.—Bro John Carson and Bro Walter King Cole were passed to Fellow Craft

Jacob Bankson was approved and entered

Bro Jerviss proposed Mr. Benjamin McVeagh to become a member—Ordered to lay on the Books.—

March 1, 1774.—Extra Lodge

All officers and nine members present—Two Visiting Brethren:—Bros Joy Castle No 3 and William Gough

Transactions.—Bro Partrick Galt passed to Fellow Craft. Bro Peter Clinch paid his dues for admittance as an Antient Mason which is 20 Shillings to the Box & 2/6d to Secretary

March 9, 1774.—Lodge in due form.

Bro. Alexander Rutherford W. M. Ten members and four Visitors present: viz Bros Robert Bumbery —Capt Cassells—Alex Stewart—Peter Sutter.

Transactions.—Mr Benjamin Vaugh balloted for and not approved.

Bros James Wilkinson and Allen Moore raised to degree of Master Masons.

Bro. Clinch—chosen Secretary in room of Bro:—Thos. Crafts who is gone to reside in Virginia.

Resolved that the Senior Warden get a sufficient number of Summons for the use of the Lodge.

There was one dozen Candles got from Bro Shute this night.

April 13, 1774.—Lodge in due form—Nine members present—Three Visitors—Bros Greaves—Price—Atkinson.

Transactions.—Bro. Carson proposed Mr. Horner

A Lecture on Masonry was given by the W. M. Alex Rutherford

Bro. Bell was raised to the degree

April 16, 1774.—Extra Lodge—

Members present—Bro Alex Rutherford W. M. Bro Galloway S W—Bro Gibbs Jones J. W.—Bros Atkinson — Shingleton — Sutter — Mayne — McKaghon —

Moore — Browne — Gault — Cole—Clinch.—Visitors Bros Price—Donaldson—McCalla—

Transactions.—Capt. Thos. Bell petitioning the Lodge was unanimously chosen by Ballot to become a member of this Lodge & according received the first step of Masonry. That it may not be established as a precedent, we think it necessary to observe the reason of our Mr Bells being made the night of his being proposed. His father was long a worthy member of this Lodge he is resident here & known from his Infancy by several members of this Lodge & is now going abroad—He likewise paid his dues being £ 3—17—6 in full.

Bro Gault was raised to the degree of a Master Mason, and paid his dues to this Lodge for being made a Mason £ 3—15—0 half a crown to the Secretary & 3 Sh. as monthly dues.

April 18, 1774.—Extra Lodge in due form Present Eight members and three Visitors viz:—Bros Robert Greaves No 3—Peter Price No 3—Peter Sutter.

Transactions.—Bro. Thos Bell being found worthy was admitted to the Degree of fellow Craft, also raised to the degree of Master Mason

Bro Gault received his Certificate as likewise Bro Bell.—

June 8, 1774.—Lodge in due form Bro Rutherford W. M. Present Ten members—five Visitors: viz:—Bros Gough—Wm. Milan—Geo Hillas—Ste. Cronan—Jo. Coates

Transactions.—Resolved that a committe of this Lodge Consisting of Bro Taylor—Proctor and Sutter wait on Cⁿ Cochran with five pounds out of the fund of the Lodge to make him restitution for the unbecoming behaviour of Bro Stewart a Visiting Brother to this Lodge.

July 13, 1774.—Lodge in due Form—Bro Rutherford W. M. Present—Ten Members—Nine Visitors, viz:—Bros. Dean Timmons,—Robert Graves—Fergus Purdon—Gough—John Waterman—Shaffler—Martin —Jas Boyle—Fulton.

Transactions.—Bro. Walter King Cole raised to degree of Master Mason—paid his dues for making £ 3—15—0 to the Lodge, & 2/6 to the secretary

6/6 out of the Fund went towards the reckoning.

July 25, 1774.—Extra Lodge in due form—Bro Alex Rutherford W. M. Present Eight Members—Nine Visitors, viz:—Bros Shoffler—Robt. Wilson—Browne —Robt Greaves.—Jno Lewis—Jno Coates—Kidd—Fergus Purden—Peter Sutter.—

Transactions.—Mr Arthur Hodge was proposed by our Bro Senior Warden as a man worthy of being initiated into our mysteries—He was balloted for and approved, and in Consideration of his Excellent Character, and his proposing going out of the city before next meeting he was admitted to the first step of Masonry

Mr John Bache was also proposed by our Senior Warden to become a member—

August 10, 1774.—Lodge in due form.

Members present Alex Rutherford W. M.—Wm Taylor S. W. John Galloway J. W.—Bros. Walter King Cole—Thos. Proctor—James Wilkinson—Jacob Bankson—James Sutter—Arthur Hodge—P. Clinch —Saml Jervis—Allen Moore—Visiting Brethren:—Robert Shewell No 3.—John Parke—Benj. Lee—Peter Sutter.—

Transactions.—Mr. Saml. Scott Boore petitioned this Lodge to become a Mason, proposed by Bro Thos. Proctor. John Bache was balloted for and approved.

Scott Boore—was balloted for and approved, and on account of his going to leave the City, rec. the first step of Masonry.

Bro Arthur Hodge, being found worthy was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft—likewise paid his dues in full for Making viz: £ 3—17—6

Robert Cross was proposed by Bro Proctor.

Resolved that the Committe of the Lodge meet on Monday next to take into consideration the state of our Finances.

Bro Saml. Scott Boore pd his dues in full for making being £ 3—17—6. There was spent out of the funds 3/6.

August 15, 1774.—The worshipful master and Secretary attended the Committe according to appointment but no other member appearing it was adjourned by the masters order to Thursday the 25th inst.

August 27, 1774.—Extra Lodge in due form present Alex Rutherford W. M.—Gibbs Jones S W pt—James Sutter J. W. p. t. Bros. Peter Clinch—King Cole—Woolbery Meng—Thos Bell—Sam. Scott Boore—Wm Singleton. Visitors Bros John Jones—Benj. Monker—Timmons—John Parke—Bro Wickershimm—John Waterman.

Transactions.—The petitions of Jeremiah Battally Bruce and Edward Hawkins were presented and approved. Both received the first step in Masonry.

N. B. It is the desire of the Worshipful Master & Brethren present that a minute be made, that the reason for admitting our Brethren, the night that they were ballotted for was at the particular desire of the whole body present, being that going abroad was a case of Imergencey.

Mr John Ross was proposed by Bro Parks to become a member—Ordered to lie on the books till the next Stated Meeting.

August 29, 1774.—Extra Lodge in due form—R. W. Blaithwaite Jones in the Chair Present Eight members four Visitors, viz:—Robert Greaves—John Waterman—John Jones—Benj. Monker.—

Transactions.—Bro Jeremiah Batally Bruce passed to Fellow Craft Bro Edward Hawkins, passed to fellow Craft and raised to sublime degree of Master Mason. He likewise paid his dues in full being one pound to the Lodge, and half a crown to the Secretary.

Bro Bruce paid £ 3—15—0 and half crown to the Secretary.

September 8, 1774.—Extra Lodge—Bro Alex Rutherford W. M. present Eight members one Visitor.

Transactions.—Bros. Arthur Hodge and Jeremiah Batally Bruce were raised to degree of Master Mason.

Resolved that Bro Alex McKaghon being in distressed circumstances shall have three Pounds out of the fund of this Lodge for which his note is to be taken by the Master.

September 14, 1774.—Lodge in due form—Bro Alex Rutherford W. M. Present Six members, five Visitors:—Bros John Parks—Wm. Cassell No 3—Joy Cassell No 3—George Hughes—Andrew Donaldson No 3.

Transactions.—Mr John was balloted for, approved and received the first step of Masonry.

Bro Jacob Bankson passed to Fellow Craft.

Resolved that Bro Ross[2] make a couple of cushions for the use of the Lodge.—

October 12, 1774.—Lodge met in due form

Members present

W. Bro Wm Taylor in the Chair

		Visiting Brethren
Bro John Galloway	S. W.	Bro James Wilkinson
Bro James Wilkinson	J. W.	Bro John Coates
Bro John Parke	J. D.	Bro John Parke
Bro John Coates	S. D.	Bro Wm Gough
Bro Gibbs Jones	Sect'y	
Bro Walter K. Cole		
Bro Saml. Scott Boore		

[2] Husband of Betsy Ross of flag fame.

Transactions.—Bro Saml. Scott Boore passed to Fellow Craft The Humble Petition of Bro J. Appleby a distressed Brother was laid before the Lodge craving their assistance & was assisted by our Brothers present with Thirty seven Shillings and six pence out of their private purse

Wednesday, November 9, 1774.—There being but very few members present did not proceed to business but closed at 9 O'Clock in good harmony

December 14, 1775.—

Members

W. Bro William Taylor in the Chair

Visiting Brethren

Bro ———	Fulton	S. W.
Bro ———	Banks	J. W.
Bro ———	Graham	S. D.
Bro ———	Lane	J. D.
Bro ———	Allen	
Bro ———	Coates	
Bro ———	Griffith	

Transactions.—Bro. Allen informed the Body that Lodge No 3 had resolved on a procession to St Paul's Church if the rest of the Brethren in this City would come into that measure and that he was desired by the members of No 3 to acquaint this Body of the same.—

There being no members present the matter could not be debated

James Willing was proposed to be made a member

Ordered to lie on the Books.

Closed at nine O'Clock in good Harmony.—

December 27, 1774.—Lodge met in due form
Members present

W. Bro Rutherford in the Chair

Bro Taylor	S. W.	*Visiting Brethren*
Bro Galloway	J. W	Capt John Bull WM of No 8
Bro Jervis	S D	Bro H. T. Jones
Bro Ming	J. D	Bro Mat. Whitehead of No 3
Bro Proctor	Sec'y	
Bro Bankson		
Bro A Moore		
Bro Shingleton Tyler		

Transactions.—This being the Anniversary of St John the following Brethren were unanimously chosen into their respective offices—viz:—

Bro William Taylor	worshipful Master	Bro Thos Proctor	Sec'y
Bro John Galloway	Senior Warden	Bro Saml Jervis	S. D.
Bro John Carnan	Junior Warden	Bro Ulrich Meng	J. D.

January 11, 1775.—Lodge met in due form—

W. Bro William Taylor in the chair present six members one visitor:—Bro Henry Jones.

Transactions.—Mr Christian Huck was proposed by Bro Bankson

Mr Isaac Melchoir was proposed by W. M. Taylor both ordered to lie on the Books

Had the benefit of both Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Lecture

Closed at 9 O'Clock in good Harmony.

February 8, 1775.—Lodge in due form—

W. Bro William Taylor in the Chair—Present two members and four visitors:—Bro Parks—Stewart—Leonard—Gough.

Transactions.—Isaac Melchoir—balloted for and Entered

Bro Bankson, some time since Entered & passed was raised

Closed at 10 O'Clock in good Harmony.

April 12, 1775.—Lodge met in due form Present:—Bro Wm Taylor W. M.—Bros. John Galloway S. W.—Hugh Stewart J W p. tem.—W. K. Cole S. D.—John Ross J. D. Jacob Bankson Sec'y—Isaac Melchoir—Thomas Proctor Visiting Brethren:—Bros. Wm. Woodrow—Hugh Stewart J. W. pro. tem John Biles—John Sturges.

Transactions.—Bros John Ross and Isaac Melchoir some time since entered underwent their examination and being found upon such due and proper Examination well Qualified were admitted to the degree of Fellow Crafts.

Following petitions were received:—

Levin Irving recommended by the W. Master & Bro Cole

John Shaffer recommended by Bro Melchoir

Rudolph Bunner recommended by Bro Melchoir orderd to lie on the books.

A motion was made that some allowance be made towards supporting Bro John McCalla and his family in his difficulties and a committe was appointed for the purpose of considering what could be done in the present occasion.

Closed in good harmony at 10 O'Clock.

[*Note.*—The minutes between April 12, 1775, and February 12, 1776, are missing in this book—three pages are left blank and several are torn out.]

February 12, 1776.—Extra Lodge in due form.

Members present

W. M.	William Taylor		*Viziting Brethren*
S. W.	John Galloway		Captain Cashady
J W	Robert Pomroy	pro tem	Robert Greaves.
S D	William Gilmore	pro tem	
J. D.	John Scott	pro tem	
P. M	Alex Rutherford		
Bro	Allen Moore		
Sec'y	Jacob Bankson		

Transactions.—Joshua Hills was approved, Balloted for and admitted into the first step of "Massonray" paid his dues £ 3—15—0 into the hands of the Master William Taylor.

Closed in good harmony at 10 O'Clock.—

February 14, 1776.—Lodge in due form—

Members present

W. M.	Wm Taylor	*"Viziting" Brethren*
S. W.	John Galloway	Wm Gilmore
J W	Robert Greaves	Fergus Purdon
P. M.	Alex Rutherford	Capt Philemon Cashady.
Bro	Joshua Hills	

Transactions.—Bro Hills passed to degree of Fellow Craft

Closed in good Harmony at 9 of ye Clock.

[*Note.*—No meetings appear to have been held between February 14 and October 15, 1776, at least no minutes appear to have been kept or entered upon the book.]

October 15, 1776.—Extra Lodge

Members present

Bro William Taylor	Master	*Visiting Brethren*
Alex Rutherford	S. W. p. t.	Bro Wm Shute
John Parke	J. W. p t	" Thos Dewees
Stephen Cronin	Secy p t	" John Park
Allen Moore		" Stephen Cronin
Jacob Bankson		" Robert Pomroy
Thomas Bell		" John Scott
		" Benj. Dunn
		" R. Greaves.

Transactions.—Lodge opened in due form at 6 O'Clock "As this Lodge was called on an Emergency by the Petitions of Capt Lambert Weeks Esqr. and Capt James Anderson they Requesting the honor of being admitted members of our Antient and Honble Fraternity it was unanimously thought proper, as well by the present members as by our Visiting Brethren, that considering the extraordinary good character of the candidates and the particular exigency of the times to admit them, and they were accordingly initiated into the first step of Masonry.

The members attendant of this Lodge are extremely unhappy that the present contest (though in favor of Liberty) hath rendered it impossible for them to give that attendance which they would willingly have given to this Body. They however hope that the extreme necessity of the Times will fully compensate for such Deficiency, Conscious that Brother Masons are so sensible of the advantages of Freedom as to accept the apology."

Closed at 10 O'Clock in exceedingly good Harmony.

Notices were served by Bro Bankson & no charge to Lodge.

October 17, 1776.—Extra Lodge

Members present

W. M.	Wm Taylor	*Visiting Brethren*
S W	Thos Proctor Esq	Bro Robert Greaves
J W	John Parke	" Jeremiah Duggan
S. D	Thos Bell	" Hercules Courtnay
J. D.	Bro Donaldson	" Stephen Cronin
P. M	John Jones	" Dunn
P. M	Alex Rutherford	" Elisha Warner
Sec'y	Jacob Bankson	" Thos. Dewees
Bro	James Anderson	" ——— Gilmore
Bro	Lambert Weeks	" Peter Sutter
		" Lewis Farmer
		" Wm Fullerton
		" Robt Pomroy

Transactions.—Lodge opened in due form at half past 6 O'Clock.

"The peculiar and singular situation of affairs having rendered it necessary that the Gentlemen who made application and were entered on the former evening should be passed and raised sooner than the usual practice of affairs in our Body required, the Body took it under consideration and unanimously determined that they should be passed and raised *sur* Emergancy as they were going to sea in the service of this Continent

"Application was also made on behalf of Luke Matthewman who by information, and upon examination was found to be a Modern Mason, and by a petition

presented to the Body according to Rule he was balloted for and it was agreed upon without exception that he should be admitted.

"He was accordingly before the Business of the other Gentlemen was entered upon, innitiated and went thro his first or entered Apprentice step, and was also passed. After which Lambert Weeks Esq. & James Anderson were passed and raised. *Secundum Regulam.*—They then signed the By-Laws and paid their dues & the Lodge was closed in good Harmony at ½ past ten O'Clock.

"Before the closing the Lodge James McClure was proposed by Bro. Rutherford and ordered to lie on the Books.

"Paid into Bro. Taylor's hands, the Lodge dues of this Evening, amounting to seven pounds—ten shillings

"Bro McCallay rec. from Bro Weeks his 5/ for the Evening"

November 13, 1776.—Lodge in due form Opened at ½ past six.

Members present

W. M.	Wm Taylor	*Visiting Brethren*	
S. W	Alex Rutherford	Bro Wm Gough	(S W)
Secy	Jacob Bankson	Bro Jacob Diegle	
		Bro Wm Gilmore	(J W)
		Bro Matth. Whitehead	(J D)
		Bro Robet Greaves	

Transactions.—James McClure, balloted for approved and entered

Andrew Porter was proposed by Bro Rutherford
John Church was proposed by W. M. Taylor
Phineas Bond was proposed by Sec'y Bankson
all ordered to lie on the Books.

"It was deemed necessary that on this evening three weeks or sooner if convenient a Committe should be called for the purpose of settling the Business of this Lodge until that time—Agreed to."

Proposed by the Wor. Master that summons should be struck by Bro Dunlap—so ordered.

Bro McClure paid his dues £ 3—17—6; £ 3—15—0 of which were paid into the hands of Wor. Bro Taylor.

Closed at 10 in Good Harmony.

[*Note.*—There appear to have been no minutes entered for several months; the next entry is dated March 11, 1777.]

March 11, 1777.—Lodge in due form at Eight O'Clock Worshipful Master in the Chair.[3]

Bros	Cable	S. W.	(No 3)		*Visitors*	
"	Carnan	J. W.		Bros	Yeldal	No 3
"	Diegle	S D	(No 4)	"	McCarty	No 4
"	Hennesy	J. D.	(No 3)	"	Berwick	No 4
				"	Greaves	No 3

Transactions.—A petition was received from Thomas Pitt—he was balloted for approved and entered. He also received the second step as he is going away and the time very uncertain.

[3] Strange to say the name of the Master of the Lodge for the year 1777 does not appear in the Minutes.

Bro. Yeldal the Master of No 3 represented to this Body that the following Jewells now in the Lodge (and which are supernumerary) are marked No 3 and as such he claims them in behalf of his own Body —viz:—A—Masters—a Sen. Wardens—a—Junr Wardens, a Treasurers and a Secretarys.[4]

It is the opinion of the Lodge that the same be referred to some future Convenient time.

Lodge Closed in harmony at ½ past 9 O'Clock.

April 9, 1777.—Stated Lodge Night—Lodge in due form at ½ past 8 O'Clock

Worshipful Master in the Chair

Bro J. Diegle	S. W.
" L. Farmer	J. W.
" J. Melchior	S D
" Jones	J. D.
" J Berwick	Sec'y
" Thos Pitt	
" Wm Croghan	from No 4 first time
" Rudolph Bonner	No 3 " "

Transactions.—Capt. Andrew Porter presented a petition to become a Mason—was recommended by several Brothers present—was balloted for, approved and received the first step, he being a transient person.

Bro. Melchoir proposed William Fisher & Edward Evans to become Masons.—Ordered to lie on the Books till next Lodge night.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

[4] These Jewels were evidently those of the Second Section of Lodge No. 2.

April 12, 1777.—Lodge of Emergency.

Bro. Worshipful in the Chair

Bro	Galloway	S W
"	A. Rutherford	J. W.
"	Croghan	S. D 2d time
"	Gray	J. D.
"	Rutherford	Act. Sec'y
"	Lang	
"	Berwick	P. M
"	Brown	
"	Turnbull	

Transactions.—Lodge in due form at 8 O'Clock—

Bro. Melchoir & Pitt were raised to the third step by the unanimous consent of the Lodge.

Lodge Closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

[No minutes are upon record for any meetings held during May and June.]

July 9, 1777.—Stated Lodge Night

Lodge in due form at ½ past Eight

Worshipful Master in the Chair

Bro	Jones	S. W. No 3
"	W. Croghan	J W No 4 3d time
"	J Tobin	S. D
"	T. McGinnis	J. D.
"	A. Porter	
"	T. McClear	
"	R. Martin	
"	L. Matthewman	act. Sec'y.

Transactions.—Capt John Parks & William Molison were proposed By Bro Hennesey and were ordered to lie on the Books, they desiring a Lodge of Emergency to be called on Friday 11th inst expecting to be called out minutely

A Fellow Crafts Lodge being opened—Bro. A. Porter & T. McClear were passed. Afterwards the Lodge closed in good harmony at ½ past 10 O Clock.

We must beg leave to apologize for the stated lodge nights not being regularly kept up as the house was not properly occupied—

July 11, 1777.—Lodge of Emergency

Worshipful Master in the Chair

Bro. Cronin	S. W.
" Jones	J. W.
" W. Craghan	S. D.
" R. Bandera	J. D
" A Porter	
" T. McClews	
" P. Duffy	No 3 1st time
" R. Martin	No 3 2d "
" T. Baldwin	No 5 1st "
" T. McGinnis	
" Matthewman	Sec. pro tem

Transactions.—A Masters lodge being opened—Bros Porter—Matthewman & McClews were raised to the Sublime degree of Master Masons.

The Masters Lodge being closed, an Entered Apprentice Lodge was opened, when Capt John Parks & William Molliston Petition to be initiated in Masonry was Recommended by several of the Brethren, was balloted for & received the first step.

Mr Greenaway & Mr King were proposed by Bro Matthewman, was ordered to lie on the Books.

Lodge closed in good harmony at 11 O'Clock

July 21, 1777.—Lodge of Emergency—

Worshipfull the Master in the Chair.

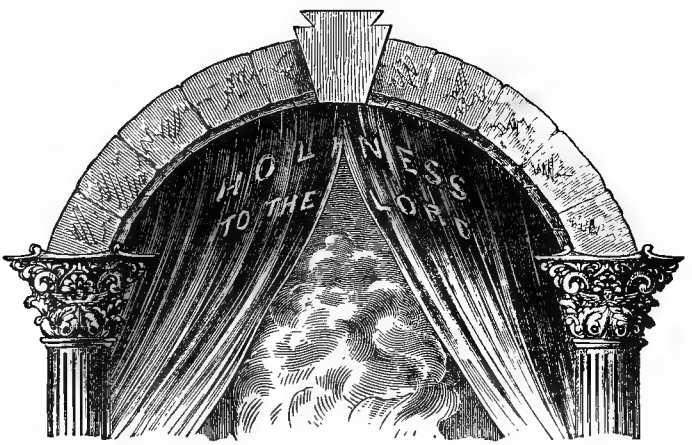
Bro.	L. Matthewman	S. W.
"	R. Martin	J W from No 3
"	J. Parks	S. D.
"	W. Molliston	J. D
"	L. Matthewman	act. sec'y

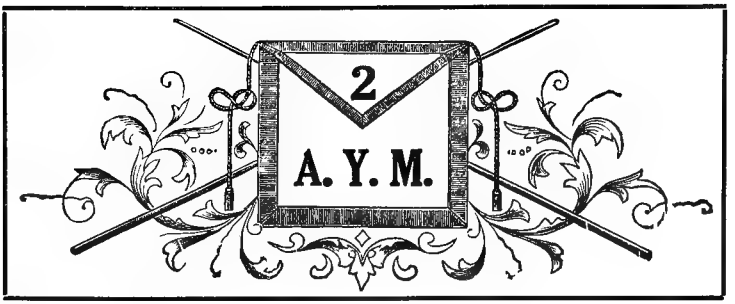
Transactions.—Was called by the Worshipful the Master at the time of so great an Emergency as was in the last winter, The Right Worshipful the better to secure that enestimable blessing, the proper warrant of this Lodge of number 2. Thought fit to leave that same in the possession of Bro. P. Sutter for particular reasons, that was at that time laid open to the Lodge. But contrary to the just Decorum of his profession, did expose the same to Brother Proctor, who demanded the same to whom Bro Sutter delivered the same the Worshipfull the Master understanding the circumstances of the affair Demanded the same from Bro Proctor who refused to deliver it unless in due form upon which a Lodge was called upon Bro Proctor promise to attend.[5] A Lodge was opened in form, But Bro Proctor did not attend according to promise & a summons sent & it was the unanimous Opinion of the Brothers that a Committe should be appointed to wait on Bro Proctor to demand the same, R. W. Bro Matthewman & Bro Parks was appointed to wait upon him, which he [they] readily acquiesced therein.

[5] This was evidently a move upon the part of Col Proctor to secure the warrant for the use of such members as were upon the Patriot side of the Revolutionary struggle.

After the benefit of an E. A. Lecture the Lodge was closed in good harmony at 10' O'Clock.

[*Note.*—There do not appear to have been any meetings of Lodge No. 2 held during the occupation of Philadelphia and for some months thereafter, the reason for which is set forth in the next chapter. From above minute of July 21, 1777, it appears that Bro. ——— Matthewman was the W. M. for that year.]





CHAPTER IX.

Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1777–1778.

During the British Occupation.

O meetings were held by Lodge No. 2 during the British occupation of Philadelphia. Our record closes with a Lodge of Emergency held July 21, 1777, and does not seem to have been again convened until November 6, 1778. The reason for this intermission was chiefly because the personnel of Lodge No. 2 was strictly patriotic. With Lodges Nos. 3 and 4 the case was different. Here the loyalist spirit appears to have been dominant, when the red flag of St. George again waved over Independence Hall. During the rule of Lord Howe in Philadelphia both of those Lodges held regular meetings as loyal subjects of the Grand Lodge of England. Many British officers and local loyalists were, during these nine months, brought to true Masonic light.

So unpatriotic was Lodge No. 3 and actively at work that Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Wm. Ball, who does not appear to have been an active

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CITY TAVERN—TEMPORARILY—(DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION),
SECOND STREET, S. W. CORNER GOLD (NOW MORAVIAN) STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.

patriot, though a kinsman to Washington, placed the Grand Warrant for the time being in the keeping of Lodge No. 3. This venerable document has fortunately come down to us and is now in the archive of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Another reason why Lodge No. 2 held no meetings during the British occupation, was due to the fact that at the very entrance of the British in Philadelphia, their Lodge room was broken open, and all the jewels, paraphernalia, and books were stolen by the British. This was evidently on account of the patriotic membership.

The only thing of value that did not fall into the hands of the British was the warrant of the Lodge, which, as appears from a previous minute, was secured by Col. Thomas Proctor and placed in safety to prevent it from falling into the hands of the British.

The following extracts from the minutes of Lodges Nos. 3 and 4 throw light upon this period:

Feby. 21th. 1778, Lodge of Emergency Open'd at 7 oClock.

Transactions:—B^{r}. Alex^{r}. Bartram of Lodge N°. 2 Inform'd that our Right Worshipfull Grand Mas^{r}. has desired to deliver the Grand Warrant he had from England into Lodge N°. 3, the Master and Some Brethren of N°. 4 being present, agreed to appoint a Committee to wait on the Grand Master to Receive the Same B^{rs}. Alexander Bartram, Hugh Stewart, Thos Banks and B^{r} Thomas Dewees were appointed to wait upon the Grand Master, for that purpose to-morrow morning.

Lodge closed in harmony at ½ past 10.

(Extract from Minutes, Lodge No. 3, in archive of Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—*vera copia.*)

October 7th. 1777. (Stated Night) Lodge in due form.

Members present:

Br. Whitehead	Mastr.	Br. Page
" Diegel	S. W.	" Banks
" Boyle	J. W.	" Cronin
" Bunbury		" Kinder
" Jones		" Hewsted
		" McCawley

Visitors:

Br. Lanes	" McPherson
" McEvoy	" Fegan

It was moved and Resolved that it is the Sense of this Body, that our Standing Committee in Conjunction with Br. Dement (who on the occasion has generously offer'd his assistance) Should apply to Lodge No. 3, and Such worthy members of No. 2, as may contribute to the Obtaining the Jewells of No. 2, of which they have been Lately Robb'd, and to consult means for Reestablishing said Lodge.

Lodge Clos'd at 10' oClock.

(Extracts from Minutes, Lodge No. 4, in archive of Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.)

Octor. 10th. 1777, Lodge of Emergency Open'd at 7 oClock.

Members present:

Br. Peter Kintz	M.	Br. Alexr. Boyle No. 4
" Thos. Banks	No. 4	" Wm. Cunningham
" Mat. Whitehead	do.	" Wm. Dement
" Jacob Deizel	do.	

The Business on which this Lodge was call'd (having duly Summon'd the Brethren of Lodge No. 4 and also Br. John

Wood our D. G. M. who did not attend) was to consider and Resolve what Shou'd be done with the Jewells, Books and papers of Lodge N°. 2 and those of former Lodge N°. 3, which fortunately fell into the hands of our worthy Brother Capt. William Cunningham after being Stolen out of N°. 2 and we the Members present of Lodge N°. 3 and 4 have unanimously Resolved to deposite the aforesaid Jewells Books papers &c in Lodge N°. 3 untill such time as a Grand Lodge, or a Committee of a Grand Lodge be call'd who shall consider and conclude on delivering the Same to the proper person or persons. Resolved to take an acct. of the same as deliv'^d. by B^r. Cunningham which was 20 in Number, a Punch Ladle, handle broke off, and a few Pieces of Small lace tipp'd of the Collars of N°. 2 together with a Delft punch bowl.

(Extract from Minutes, Lodge No. 3, in archive of Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—*vera copia.*)

Referring to the unpatriotic course of Lodge No. 3, the following extract shows one of the results of their course of action:

July 2^d.1778 Lodge in due form at 8 oClock.

Members present:

B^r. Alexander Kidd M.
" John Coats S. W.
" Jacob S. Howell
" Lewis Farmer
" Abraham Lewis

Visitors:

B^r. Daniel Oldenburgh
" Robert Collins
B^r. Stephen Y. Rouzett
" George Naggle
" Martin Jugiez
" John Turner
" Daniel Topham
" Col. Thomas Proctor
" Col. Isaac Melchor.

Transactions:—The minutes of the Lodge Since the 7th. of August last were Read, and finding that B^r. Yieldal had

been Elected Mas^{r}. of this Lodge last St. John's day; a Committee was appointed to enquire into the Reason of his not attending, Who Report that B^{r}. Yieldal Said he had the greatest Respect for this Lodge and the Members thereof; that his Reason for not attending is his unfortunately lying under the Imputation of being proscribed as a person Inimical to the States, therefore declines that pleasure he so much desires, least it should be disagreeable to any Brother; (begs the Brethren may Suspend any unfavorable oppinion of him) untill that matter is desided, and also earnestly Requests another Brother may be appointed to his place. Brother Fegan our late Junr. Warden, & Brother Stewart our Secretary having Gone with the Enemy. B^{r}. Jacob S. Howell was appointed Junr. Warden and B^{r}. De Silver Secretary, as also B^{r}. Kidd Mas^{r}. in the room of B^{r}. Yieldal.

Closed the Lodge in Harmony at 11 oClock.

(Extract from Minutes, Lodge No. 3, in archive of Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—*vera copia.*)

With the convening of Lodge No. 2 in the winter of 1778, thanks to the Brethren of Lodges 3 and 4, who recovered the books and some of the jewels and paraphernalia stolen by the British, Lodge No. 2 at once entered upon an era of increased activity, the majority of the applicants being officers in the patriot army, whose names still shine brightly upon the roll of fame—a condition that was true of all of the Philadelphia Lodges, and which culminated in the grand Masonic Pageant on St. John the Evangelist's day of that eventful year.

BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON.

BORN FEBRUARY 22, 1732. DIED DECEMBER 14, 1799.

CHAPTER X.

Washington and Freemasonry.

EGINNING some time before the outbreak of the American Revolution, and especially during the British occupancy of Philadelphia, September, 1777, to June, 1778, the communications of the Provincial Grand Lodge were more or less interrupted by the exigencies of the times, a condition which caused considerable inconvenience to the various Subordinate Lodges, as appears by the various Minutes to that effect.

After the evacuation of Philadelphia by the enemy in June, 1778, the interest in Freemasonry revived, as is shown by the old Minute Books of Lodges 2, 3 and 4. Finally, when St. John the Evangelist's Day of the above year drew near, it was the opinion that some public demonstration should be made by the then dominant Grand Lodge. The organization of the "Moderns" had virtually ceased to exist, as many of the leading members had left the Province for political reasons; others again had joined the "Ancients."

No public Masonic procession had taken place in Philadelphia since the dedication by the "Moderns" of the "Freemason's Lodge" in Lodge Alley, in 1755.

The present time appearing to be favorable, a public pageant was planned by some of the leading Brethren, which for pomp and solemnity was perhaps to surpass any Masonic celebration ever held on this continent.

When it was found that the scheme was favorably received by the Brethren, Grand Master Ball called a meeting to be held at the public house kept by Bro. Alex. Boyle. This was on Walnut Street, a few doors above Second Street. This house, at the time, was the meeting place of Lodge No. 2. Just what took place at the meeting is recorded on the Minutes of Lodge 3 as follows:

At a meeting held at Bro. Boyle's at the request of the R. W. G. Master on the 15th inst.

Present

R. W. William Ball G. M.
D. G. M.
S. G. W.
J. G. W.

with the following committees of the different Lodges:

N°. 2 Bro. Belchor, Bro. Proctor absent thro. indisposition.
3 Bros. Harman & Coats
4 Bros. Boyle & Whitehead

The entertainment of St. Johns day was taken into consideration and after duly weighing the inconveniences attending

making provisions for ourselves, & the Impractability of getting any one person to procure Table Cloths, Knives, forks, &c. it was unanimously agreed that we apply to some Innkeeper and it was at length agreed to by the G. officers that we Dine at the House of Mr Funk, yr Committee having no vote it was further determined that we meet at the Colledge &c agreeable to an Advertisemt. Since printed—it was then proposed that the persons who were to represent officers &c in the Procession were to be named, when Br Baynton was voted to act as Grand Tyler 1st. Deacons, Isaac Cox & Major Peter Scull to support the Candlesticks James Sutter & Joseph Rice, No. 4 did not appoint one, here the Grand officers concluded it would not be difficult to form the Arangement at the Colledge on 28th.—and proceeded to consider the Church Musick necessary on that day, determin'd that it be left to the care of Br Mathew Whitehead of No. 4, that the Collection of money in the Church be left to such persons as our Revd. Br Dr. Smith thought proper & the S. G. W. & Br Coates were desired to consult him which having done they reported, he thought it should be done by four Masons who were to be Instructed Brs. Whitehead and Diegel—Resolv'd that the Money Collected, be deposited in the Hands of the R. W. G. M. and that upon the proper application to either of the Masters of the different Lodges any poor distress'd person may be relieved by an order on the G. M. The D. G. M. promised to procure two Crimson Velvet Cushions Br. Melchior was desired to procure a white Sattin purse properly ornamented for the Grand Treasurer, further that Br. Smith be acquainted with the proceedings of the Evening, and that they be entered on the Minutes of the different Lodges.

JACOB HARMAN } *Committee*
JOHN COATS } *from No. 3*

Pursuant to resolution embodied in the above Minute, the following advertisement appeared in the *Pennsylvania Packet* of the following day:

THE Right Worshipful GRAND MASTER of the Antient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted MASONS of the State of Pennsylvania, &c. and the Officers of the *Grand Lodge,* hereby give notice, That they have ordered a *Procession* in the *Masonic Form,* on Monday the 28th instant. All the Brethren in the City, and all distant Brethren under the grant warrant of Pennsylvania, who can conveniently attend, are earnestly requested to meet the Grand Officers at the College, precisely at Nine o'clock in the forenoon; from whence a Procession will be made to Christ Church, where a sermon will be preached by a Reverend Brother, and a Collection made; the amount of which will be laid out in the purchase of wood and other necessaries for the relief of the poor of the city at this inclement season.

There will be performances of *vocal* and *instrumental music,* suitable to the solemnity of the occasion.

By order of the R. W. G. M.
JOHN COATS, G. Sec. *Pro Tempore.*

Philadelphia, December 16, A. M. 5778.[1]

On December 21, 1778, a meeting was held at the house of Col. Thomas Proctor, of No. 2, where there were present, among others, Bro. William Ball, R. W. Grand Master; Bro. John Wood, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. John Howard, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

The celebration of St. John the Evangelist's Day was taken into consideration,[2] as well as the mode of

[1] *The Pennsylvania Packet,* or the *General Advertiser,* December 17, 1778.

[2] Minute Book, Lodge No. 2, p. 61.

THE ACADEMY, BEGINNING OF UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WEST SIDE OF FOURTH STREET BELOW ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

FROM DRAWING BY DU SIMITIÈRE.

refreshment. One of the most important features of the coming pageant suggested, was to invite General George Washington, whose arrival in Philadelphia was expected, to take part in the celebration with the Brethren.

After some consideration, it was resolved that a Committee of two Brethren from Lodges 2, 3 and 4 wait upon Brother Washington upon his arrival and request his attendance.

The Brethren appointed on this Committee were:

Bro. Col.	Thomas Proctor	Lodge No. 2.
" "	Isaac Melchoir	
"	Jacob S. Howell	Lodge No. 3.
"	Major Scull	
"	Whitehead	Lodge No. 4.
"	Alexander Boyle	

For this purpose an address was drawn up to be presented to General Washington, who had come to Philadelphia[2a] by order of Congress,[3] "in order, among other things, to confer with him on the operations of the next campaign."

Two days later, December 23, 1778, Emergency

[2a] The arrival of Genl. Washington was described in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post,* Monday December 28, 1778, as follows:—

"Last Tuesday, (December 22) George Washington, esq., commander in chief of the army of the United States arrived here (Philadelphia). Too great for pomp, and as if fond of the plain and respectable rank of a free and independent citizen, his excellency came in so late in the day as to prevent the Philadelphia, troop of militia lighthorse, gentlemen, officers of the militia, and others of this city, from shewing those marks of unfeigned regard for this good and great man, which they fully intended, and especially of receiving him at his entrance into the State, and escorting him hither." (Baker, Itinerary, p. 147.)

[3] Baker, Itinerary, p. 147.

Lodges were held by both Lodges Nos. 2 and 3, at which the following action was taken:

(Minute Book, Lodge No. 2, p. 63. December 23, 1778.)

Bro Sen. Grand Warden John Howard & Bro Kendell was deputed to wait upon Lodge No 3 in order to concur in drawing up an address to his Excellency General Washington to request his attendance with us in the procession of St John's Day. When Bros Howell & Scull of No 3 were deputed from that Lodge to agree with us, in appointing any members that might be thought proper for the Business, and it was agreed that Brother Col Proctor and Col. Isaac Melchior were appointed for the purpose to meet the committee.

(Minute Book, Lodge No. 3. December 23, 1778.)

Lodge of Emergency.—Br Jacob S. Howell & Major Scull were appointed to wait upon No. 2 to concur in a proper mode to Address his Excellency General Washington to attend the Procession next St. John's day; who report, that The Masters Elect of the different Lodges of this City do personally wait upon Br General Washington & Inform of the time, place & mode of procession.

The result of the call of the joint committee upon General Washington, is best told in the language as recorded in the old Minute Book of Lodge No. 4:

December 25, 1778.—The Committee appointed by Lodges No 2 & 3,—to wait opon Excelency General Washington in the name of all the Lodges in the city in order to walk in Procession on St John's day, report his Excellency was pleased to express "a grateful satisfaction and consent thereto."

St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1778, falling upon a Sunday, the celebration was held upon Monday, the twenty-eighth, and is said to have surpassed any Masonic celebration in numbers and eclat ever held in America.

The following account of the celebration is copied from the *Pennsylvania Packet* or the *General Advertiser* for January 2, 1779:

PHILADELPHIA.

MONDAY last, agreeable to the Constitution of the Most Ancient and Worshipful SOCIETY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, was celebrated as the Anniversary of ST. JOHN the Evangelist. At nine o'clock in the morning near THREE HUNDRED of the Brethren assembled at the College, and at eleven o'clock went in regular Procession from thence to Christ Church to attend divine service. The order of Procession was as follows, viz.

1. The Sword-Bearer.
2. Two Deacons, with blue wands tipt with gold.
3. The three ORDERS, *Dorick, Ionick* and *Corinthian,* borne by three Brethren.
4. The HOLY BIBLE and Book of *Constitutions,* on two crimson velvet cushions, borne by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
5. A Reverend Brother.
6. Four Deacons, bearing wands.
7. His Excellency our illustrious Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esquire, supported by the GRAND MASTER William Ball and his Deputy.
8. The two Grand Wardens, bearing the proper pillars.
9. The Past Master of the different Lodges.
10. The present masters of Lodges.
11. The Senior Wardens, } Of the different private
12. The Junior Wardens, } Lodges.
13. The Secretaries, } Lodges.
14. The Treasurers, } Lodges.

15. Brother Proctor's Band of music.
16. Visiting Brethren.
17. The Members of different Lodges, walking two and two, according to seniority.

The Procession entered the Church in the order of their march, and the Brethren took their seats in the pews of the middle [sic] isle, which were kept empty for their reception. Prayers were read by the Reverend Mr. WHITE, and the following Anthem was sung in its proper place by sundry of the Brethren, accompanied by the *Organ* and other instrumental music, viz.

A GRAND SYMPHONY.

CHORUS.

BEHOLD how good and joyful a Thing it is, Brethren,
to dwell together in UNITY.

SOLO.

I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O LORD! with
my whole heart secretly among my Brethren, and in
the Congregation will I praise Thee: I will
speak the marvelous Works of thy Hands,
the SUN, the MOON and the STARS,
which thou hast ordained.

SOLO.

THE People that walked in Darkness hath seen a great
Light, and on them that dwelt in the Land of the
Shadow of Death doth the glorious Light
of JEHOVAH shine.

SOLO.

THOU hast gathered us from the EAST, and from the
WEST, from the NORTH, and from the SOUTH;
Thou hast made us Companions for the
Mighty upon Earth, even for
Princes of Great Nations.

TRIO.

O! I AM! Inspire us with WISDOM and STRENGTH
to support us in all our Troubles, that we
may worship Thee in the
BEAUTY of HOLINESS.

After which a most excellent and well adapted Sermon was preached by our Reverend and Worthy Brother WILLIAM SMITH, D. D. The text was taken from the 1st Peter 2d Chapter and 16th Verse. The Brethren have since requested the Sermon to be published, and the profits to be applied to the use of the Poor.

After divine service the Procession returned in the same order to the College; the musical bells belonging to the Church and the band of music playing proper Masonic tunes. The Brethren being all new cloathed, and the officers in the proper *Jewels* of their respective Lodges, and their other badges of dignity, made a genteel appearance.

The Brethren afterwards departed to their respective Lodges, where they dined together with their usual harmony and sociability; the sum of Four Hundred Pounds having been collected in Church among the Brethren and others their charitable Fellow citizens who honored them with their company, for the relief of the Poor.

N. B. Such charitable Brethren and Others who have not yet had an opportunity of contributing their mite are requested to send the same to any of the following gentlemen, viz. Mess. William Ball, John Wood, John Howard, and William Shute; to whom Objects of Charity, bringing proper recommendations to the house of Mr. Ball in Market-street, after New Year's Day, between the hours of ten and twelve in the forenoon, are to apply.[4]

The sermon preached upon this festive occasion was published by request of the Grand Officers. A copy of this pamphlet, now exceedingly rare, is in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[4] *The Pennsylvania Packet,* or the *General Advertiser,* January 2 1779.

SERMON

PREACHED IN

CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

[For the Benefit of THE POOR]

BY APPOINTMENT OF AND BEFORE

THE GENERAL COMMUNICATION

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED

MASONS

OF THE

STATE of PENNSYLVANIA,

On MONDAY December 28, 1778.

Celebrated, agreeable to their Conſtitution,
as the Anniverſary of

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

BY WILLIAM SMITH, D.D.
Provoſt of the College and Academy of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA:
PRINTED BY JOHN DUNLAP.

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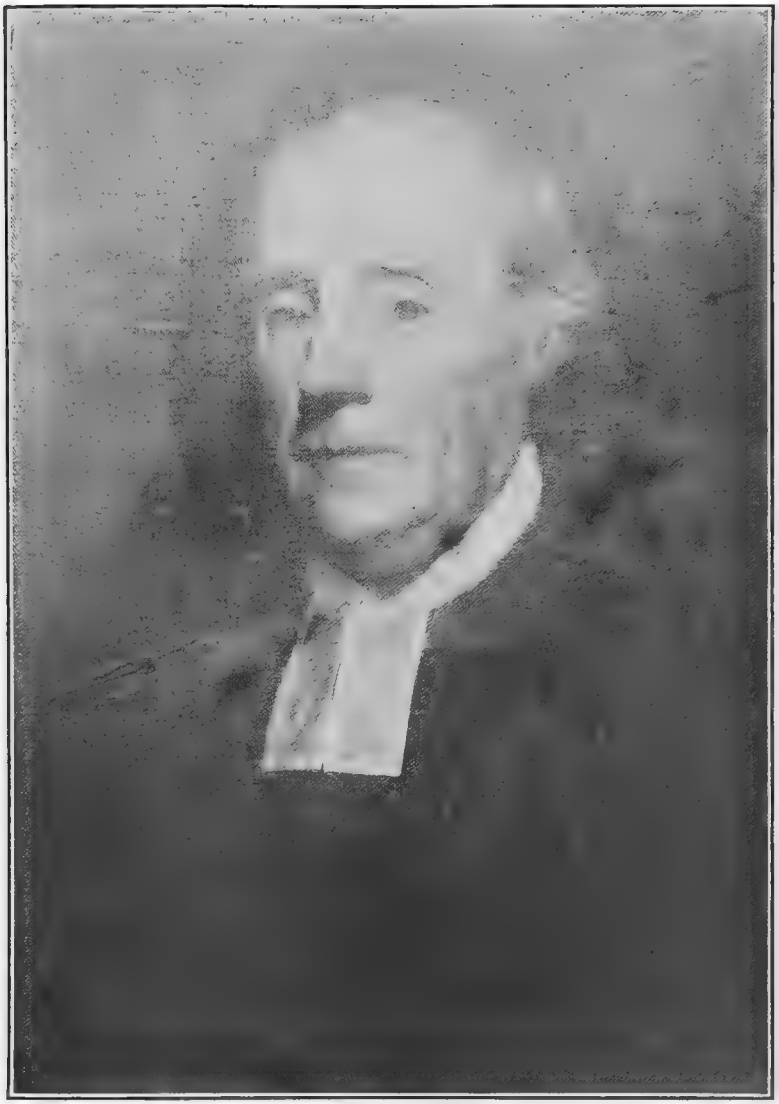
TITLE PAGE OF SERMON PREACHED ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, 1778.



REV. WILLIAM SMITH, D.D.

BORN SCOTLAND, 1727. DIED PHILADELPHIA, 1803.

GRAND SECRETARY, 1779-1784, PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA "ANCIENTS."

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

GEORGE WASHINGTON, ESQUIRE,

GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF

OF THE

ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES

OF

NORTH-AMERICA;

THE FRIEND

OF HIS COUNTRY AND MANKIND,

AMBITIOUS OF NO HIGHER TITLE

IF HIGHER WAS POSSIBLE;

THE FOLLOWING SERMON,

HONOURED WITH HIS PRESENCE WHEN DELIVERED,

IS DEDICATED.

IN TESTIMONY

OF THE

SINCEREST BROTHERLY AFFECTION

AND

ESTEEM OF HIS MERIT,

BY ORDER OF THE BRETHREN,

JOHN COATS, G. Sec. pro tem.

DEDICATION OF SERMON PREACHED BY REV. BRO. WILLIAM SMITH, D.D., ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY, 1778.

The result of this great Masonic celebration in Philadelphia was two-fold—it renewed the interest of the citizens in the Craft, as it showed that most all of the Brethren were persons known to be in favor of American liberty, in direct contrast to the organization of the older Grand Lodge of "Moderns," most all of the leading members of which had left the Province on account of their adherence to the mother country, and those who remained joined the "Ancients." Thus at this time the "Moderns" had practically ceased to exist. Secondly, it brought General Washington into prominence as a Freemason, which culminated with his nomination in the year 1780 as General Grand Master of the Colonies, a scheme in which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was a most prominent factor, and which only failed by the strenuous opposition of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Almost all of the original correspondence upon this subject is still to be found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and will be noted in its chronological order.

Brother George Washington left Philadelphia, Tuesday morning, February 2, 1779, as shown by *The Pennsylvania Packet* of February 4, 1779:

Tuesday Morning His Excellency General Washington set off from Philadelphia to join the army in New Jersey. During the course of his short stay (the only relief he has enjoyed from service since he first entered into it), he has been honored with every mark of esteem which his exalted qualities as a gentleman and a citizen entitle him to. His excellency's stay was rendered the more agreeable by the company of his

lady, and the domestic retirement which he enjoyed at the house of the Honorable Henry Laurens, Esquire, with whom he resided.

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ADDRESS

TO THE

INHABITANTS

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

BY

THOSE FREEMEN OF THE CITY

OF

PHILADELPHIA

WHO ARE NOW CONFINED IN THE

MASON'S LODGE,

BY VIRTUE OF A

GENERAL WARRANT,

SIGNED IN COUNCIL BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

OF THE COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA PRINTED;

LONDON:

REPRINTED BY JAMES PHILLIPS, IN

GEORGE-YARD, LOMBARD-STREET.

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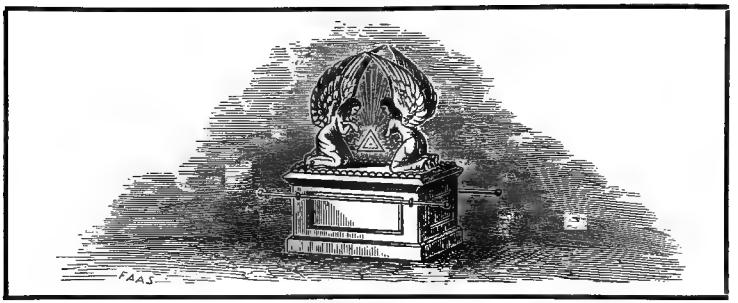
TITLE PAGE. ADDRESS OF QUAKER LOYALISTS.

[5] Vide page 309.



CHAPTER XI.

Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1778–1780.

The Dawn of Liberty.

ACTIVE military operations having ceased for the time being in our immediate vicinity, and the local government being again in the hands of the younger or patriotic element, Pennsylvania Freemasonry entered upon a career of activity and prosperity.

It was during the year 1779 that the Provincial Grand Lodge reassembled, and henceforth regular quarterly communications were held, and minutes kept, of which there is an unbroken set down to the present day. The previous minutes from 1761 to 1777 appear to have been lost or destroyed during the British occupation.

Lodge No. 2, having recovered some of its Jewels and other property as before stated, again became an active factor in the Masonic Constellation of Pennsylvania.

Military men were especially anxious to be brought

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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
THE FREEMASON'S LODGE, DEDICATED 1755.—SOLD 1786.
LODGE ALLEY, ABOVE SECOND AND WALNUT STREETS, SOUTH SIDE.
PHILADELPHIA

to true Masonic light within our tyled portals. The different army lodges were also actively at work both while in camp and winter quarters.

Among the noteworthy Masonic events to be mentioned during these two years, the efforts made to elect General Washington as a General Grand Master for the United States was undoubtedly the most important one, and forms the subject for the next chapter. Another was the occupation of the Freemason's Lodge in Lodge Alley, by both the Grand Lodge and Lodge No. 2. This was the building dedicated by the "Moderns" in 1755.

During the past three years the building had been used by both contending armies, for hospital purposes, and for a time it served as a place of confinement for the Pennsylvania Quakers accused of sympathy toward the enemy.

It was from the Freemason's Lodge that the imprisoned Quakers issued the "Address to the Inhabitants of Pennsylvania[1]" prior to their transportation to Virginia. A copy of this rare pamphlet, which was reprinted in London, is in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

November 6, 1778.—Lodge of Emergency.

The Worshipful Master in the chair

Bro Gibbs Jones	S. W.	*Visitors*
" Jacob Bankson	J. W.	Bro Robt D Silver
" Robert Greaves	S. D.	" Nicholas Bernard
" Allan Moore	J. D.	" Alex Boyle
" Jacob Diegle	visitor	" Thos. Dewees

[1] Vide, page 307.

Bro Matthew Whitehead visitor	Bro Geo Nagel
" George Hoffner "	" Martin Ingieuz
Bro Pat. Duffey Sec'y pro tem	" Jonathan Smith

A Fellow Crafts Lodge being opened—Bro Wm Molliston was passed to a F. C.

The F. Crafts Lodge being closed, an E. A. Lodge was opened, and a lecture thereon went around

Closed in good harmony at 9 O'Clock.

November 6, 1778.—Lodge of Emergency held at the Lodge room of No 2 Philadelphia[1]

W. Bro Alex Rutherford in the Chair

Members present

Bro Jno Galloway	S. W.	*Visiting Brethren*
" Jacob Bankson	J W	Bro Jacob Diegle No 4
" Alex Boyle	S. D.	" Matthew Whitehead
" Joseph Page	J. D.	" Nicholas Bernard
" John Howard		" Joseph Page
" Will. Molister		" Thos. Dewees
		" Martin Juguize
		" Francis Clark

Transactions.—A Fellow Crafts Lodge being opened our brother Wm Molliston beg'd to become more perfect, upon which the Lodge was closed & a Masters Lodge opened when our Bro. Molliston was raised to the degree of a M. M.

When for the benefit of some young brethren the M. M. Lodge was closed & an E. A. Lodge was opened & we received the Benefit of a short Lecture.

Bro. Duffey's Respectfull compliments was received

[1] This date does not agree with the previous one. Though the date seems to be the same it certainly seems to have been a different meeting.

by this Lodge, making an apology for his not attending this meeting he being unwell.

After the Lodge was Opened our Brothers, Howell, Bayton & Smith of No 3 Joined & spent the remainder of the evening with us.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at ½ past 9 O'Clock.

[*Note.*—N. B. The three following proceedings were omitted by Secretary Bankson and have entered them not regular by Wm. C. Bradford, Secretary, 1779.]

Tuesday Evening, November 10, 1778.—Lodge in due form at 7 O'Clock.

Members present—John Galloway W. M. Gibbs Jones S. W. Jacob Bankson J. W. & Sec'y—Alex Boyle V. B. S. D—Jacob S. Howell V. B. J. D.—Wm Malleston.

Transactions.—Mr Thomas Jones was proposed by Bro Bankson approved of by the Members present, ordered to lie on the books and at the same time ordered that a petition on behalf of Mr Thomas Jones be punctually delivered in at next stated meeting. A Lecture in the E. A. was in part gone through with. The E. A. lodge closed for a short time & again opened and the lecture continued with great minuteness for the instruction of a young Brother present.

Proposed by Bro Gibbs Jones that an advertisement be published in an early paper requesting the attendance of the members of Lodge No 2 at some short future time, & agreed to; the meeting to be had on Tuesday Evening next.

Bro. Sec'y Bankson directed to wait on Bro. Dunlap & in the next paper to have an advertisement published for that purpose.

Proposed that some Persons be appointed to wait

on Bro. Taylor to procure the Warrant of Lodge No 2 and ordered thereupon that Bro Gibbs Jones and Wm Molleston be assigned to that Duty

Closed in good Harmony at half past 9 O'Clock.—

November 17, 1778.—Tuesday Evening—Lodge opened in due form 6 O'Clock

Members

Bro. Galloway	*Visitors*
" Jones	Bro Boyle
" Melchior	" Jno Smith
" Molleston	" Lang
	" Smith

Transactions.—In consequence of the directions of the Lodge in their former meeting, Bro. Secretary Bankson informed the Lodge that he had waited upon Bro John Dunlap who had promised to publish their Advertisement agreeable to his Bro. Bankson's directions which he hath neglected.

Mr Thomas Jones presented a petition in consequence of his former recommendation was balloted for and approved by five members all of whom were present. Mr Isaac Cox & Wm Lawrence were proposed by Bro Isaac Melchoir, ordered to lie on the Books in Conformity with the By-Laws until our next meeting.

Proposed by Bro Gibbs Jones that this Lodge meet on thursday evening next & that Sec'y Bankson be directed to wait again on Bro Dunlap and earnestly request he would pay more attention than in the

Transactions.—Our late W. Master Bro Taylor on this Evening attended the Lodge & Consented to abide by the determination of a Committe to be appointed for that purpose of enquiring into the propriety of his conduct during the long recess of Business occasioned by the Invasion of this State, and that a particular enquiry be likewise had into the state of their finances, the Moneys remaining in Bro Taylor's hands and the dues of the Lodge & that Bro Taylor be required to return Books, an account Books, Money and every other article belonging this Lodge,—In consequence of which consent on the part of Bro Taylor a Committe (upon the application of Bro Proctor) was appointed and the following persons nominated for that purpose. viz:—Bros. Gibbs Jones—Cole—Proctor—Jno. Galloway—and Jacob Bankson.

Mr Thomas Jones, before proposed—balloted for, approved and Entered.

Proposed that a Committe be appointed to agree upon some place of meeting in future and Consented that the same persons appointed before as the former Committe determine that point also.

Ordered that a Meeting of our Lodge be called on Wednesday Evening next and that Sec'y Bankson be directed to have notice of such meeting published in the papers intervening.

Lodge closed in good Harmony ½ past 9 O'Clock

November 25, 1778.—Lodge of Emergency—Opened at 6 O'Clock on Wednesday Evening.

Members present

Bro Thomas Proctor W. M.
Bro John Galloway S W
Bro Isaac Melchior J. W.
Bro Alex Rutherford
Bro Allan Moore
Bro Jacob Bankson Sec'y
Bro Wm Molleston
Bro Gibbs Jones
Bro Isaac Cox
Bro William Lawrence

Visiting Brethren

Bro Peter Bayton
Bro ——— Guarde
" Nicholas Bernard S. D.
" Jonathan Smith J. D.

Transactions.—Upon the motion of Bro Junior Warden Col. Isaac Melchior the following persons were proposed to wit:—Mess Whitehead—Humphreys—George North—John Redman—John Taylor—Major Archibald Dick—John Vanderin and Doctor Saml McKenzie.

Ordered to lie upon the Books until next Meeting agreeable to the Rules & By-Laws of the Lodge.

Mr Jonathan Gostelowe, Adam Melcher, Joseph Howe Ellis and Robert Mullan were proposed at the same time.

Mess Isaac Cox and Wm Lawrence who had been proposed were Balloted for seperately—approved and Entered—Closed for a short space of time, and again Opened, and had the Benefit of an E. A. Lecture.

Mooved that a Committe be appointed to enquire into Character of the persons proposed by Bro Melchior and to make return at next Stated Meeting—Agreed to Unanimously—and Bros John Galloway—Wm Lawrence Isaac Cox and Sec'y Bankson were assigned to that Duty.

Proposed that some Person be appointed to wait upon Lodges No 3 & No 4 to depute from their Lodges some Persons to wait upon the Officer or Officers of the Grand Lodge to request an appointment of Officers in the Grand Lodge, and to hold such Conference as may be necessary and make returns of the Proceedings to this Lodge—

Consented to, and Bro Col Thomas Proctor appointed and requested to attend upon that Business.

The Committe apointed on the preceeding evening informed the Body that they would be ready to render an account of ye proceedings with Bro Taylor at the next meeting.

Ordered that Bro Melchior in Room of Bro Galloway be a member of that Committe, and they are required to wait upon Bro Moore and demand of him to deliver the different Articles belonging to Lodge No 2 to that Committe or to any member thereof.

Closed at 10 O'Clock in Good Harmony

Adjourned to the 2d Tuesday in next month, unless in case of Emergency.

Lodge No 3, also made strenuous efforts to rehabilitate itself and adjust itself to the new order, as is shown by following advertisement:

The Brethren of Lodge No 3—are requested to attend their Monthly meeting at their Lodge room in Videll's alley on Thursday Evening next at 6 O'Clock.

By order of the M.

JOHN TURNER

Tuesday Dec 1—1778

N. B. The Brethren are requested to be punctual in their attendance as it is upon business of the utmost importance.

December 3, 1778.—Extra Lodge opened at 6 O'Clock in the Evening—Thursday.

Members

Bro Col Thos. Proctor	W. M. P. t.
Bro Gibbs Jones	S W
Bro Col Isaac Melchior	J W
Bro James Sutten	S D
Bro Allen McClane [McLane]	J. D.
Bro Jacob Bankson	Sec'y
Bro William Lawrence	
Bro Isaac Cox	

Visitors

Bro Jacob Diegle of No 4 Bro Alex Boyle of No 4

Transactions.—Bro Allen McLane[2] member of Lodge No 18—held in Kent County intending and expecting in future to reside in Philadelphia, requested to become a member of this Lodge, and from his known and approved good Character was admitted without a single dissenting Voice.

John Vanderin—Whitehead Humphreys—John Redman, George Noarth—Joseph Howe Ellis, Dr Saml McKinzie and Maj. Arch[d] Dick were balloted for approved and Entered.

[2] Allan McLane, b. Aug. 8, 1746, d. May 22, 1829. Bro. McLane took an active part in the American Revolution. He first enlisted as a volunteer in the Virginia Militia; afterwards joined Rodney's Delaware Regiment, as lieutenant. He fought gallantly at the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Monmouth and Yorktown, and retired at the close of the war with the rank of Colonel. After the war he served successively as Judge of Court of Appeals, U. S. Marshal, and Collector of the Port at Wilmington.

Bros. William Straker and Matthew Whitehead from Lodge No 3 and No 4 waited upon Lodge No 2, and requested that a Committe from our Lodge be appointed to join them with them in the necessity and happy work of procuring a sermon to be preached to us on the ensuing St John's Day, at which time the Brethren are expected to proceed in Procession, and a Sermon founded upon the Principles of the Institution, to wit (Charity and Benevolence) to be delivered to us by such Person and at such place as the said Committe shall or may appoint for that purpose under this restriction only, that they be first directed to wait upon the officers of Grand Lodge and request a meeting at which time we should be happy to have their concurrence, but if no such meeting can conveniently be had in such case, we apprehend it not inconsistent with regularity to procure such sermon—and we authorize our Committe in concurrence with the other Committes to appoint the time, and mode of such procession &c.

The Motion was agreed to, and Col. Thomas Proctor and Col Isaac Melchoir requested to act as Committe.

Capt. Thos Huston—Evan Edwards and Oneas Williams were proposed by Bro Col Isaac Melchior, and ordered to lie upon the Books until the next stated meeting

The Petition of William Bradford jr was ordered to take the same Course.

N. B. The Committe appointed to enquire into Characters of the persons proposed in the former meeting, returned that upon Strict Enquiry they found them worthy of every honor we could possibly bestow upon them.

Tuesday Evening, December 8, 1778.—Stated Lodge opened at 6 O'Clock in the Evening.

Members present

Bro	John Galloway	W M		*Visiting Brethren*	
"	Gibbs Jones	S W	Bro	——— Gerard	No 3
"	Isaac Melcher	J. W.	"	Capt Thos. Moore	No 3
"	Saml Jervis	S D	"	John Coats	No 3
"	James Suttor	J. D.	"	Peter Bayton	No 3
"	Thomas Proctor		"	William Cross Esq	No 3
"	Allen McLane		"	Jacob Howell	No 3
"	Wm Lawrence		"	William Straker	No 3
"	Isaac Cox		"	Robert Shewell	No 3
"	Dr Saml McKenzie		"	Michael Ryan	No 3
"	George Noarth		"	Col John Parke	No 5
"	Jos. Howe Ellis				
"	John Vanderen				
"	Jacob Bankson	Sec'y			

Transactions.—Bro Isaac Melchior proposed that the persons formerly proposed and who had lain upon the books should now be balloted for, and at the same time returned that as member of the Committe he was desired to report that the Characters of the respective Gentlemen had been inquired into and they were found worthy.

At the Request of Bro. Melchior—Bro Jones S. W. was desired to examine Dr McKenzie who alledjed, that he had been entered in another Lodge, and upon

such Examination found he had been legally and lawfully entered and he was admitted accordingly.

Following persons were then balloted for, and approved. Adam Melchoir—Capt. Thomas Huston—Major Evan Edwards Major Jonathan Gostelowe—Wm Bradford jr.

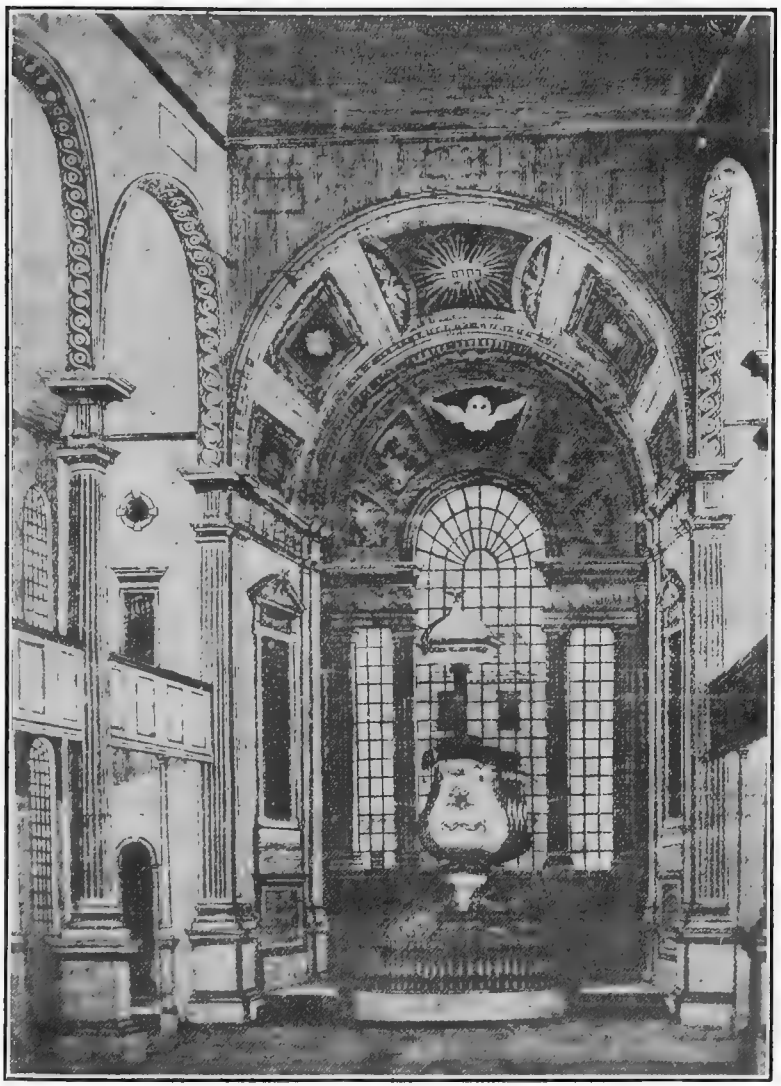
Mr. Robert Mullan, a Modern Mason, was then (in Order) balloted for and approved.

The election of officers for the future was then entered upon and Col Thomas Proctor was unanimously elected Master—Col. Isaac Melchior and Capt Gibbs Jones were unanimously chosen Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively.

Col. Bro Thomas Proctor as of Right would then have proposed the following officers, but as it was a point of Delicacy he requested they might be proposed by some other person and that they should be chosen by holding up of hands. Consented to, and the following Persons were chosen viz:—Bro Allan McLane Sen Deacon.—Bro Isaac Cox Junior Deacon—Bro Jacob Bankson Sec'y and Bro. William Lawrence Treasurer.

Bro. Col John Parke late member of No 5 in the Delaware state requested to become a Member of this Lodge. And as he at that time produce no Credentials was ordered to lie upon the Books.

Mr Adam Melcher—Major Archibald Dick,—Jonathan Gestelowe—Robert Mullen—Capt Thomas Huston—Major Evan Edwards and Capt William C Brad-



CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

INTERIOR DURING THE PROVINCIAL PERIOD.

ford were entered and received the first step in Masonry.

Petitions were received from Major Wm West—Wm Morgan—Benjamin Davis jr.—James Reynolds, all being recommended by Bro Isaac Melchior.

Bro Noarth recommended Major David Lenox.

The newly admitted Brethren returned thanks & according to the laudable custom of Masons.

Bros Proctor & Jones are requested by the Worshipfull Master to instruct our younger Brethren in the Craft.

Major Dunn was proposed,—ordered to lie on the Books. Bros. Noarth & Ellis were appointed as Stewarts to Confer with the Stewarts who may be appointed from Numbers 3 & 4. And to be under the direction of the first Committe who were appointed to regulate the proceedings of St John's Day.

The Lodge closed in good Harmony at half past ten O'Clock.

Monday, December 14, 1778.—Lodge—Extra opened at 6 Oclock.

Members

Bro John Galloway	W. M.		*Visiting Brethren*
Bro Col. Isaac Melchior	S. W.	Bro	Maj. Jno Coats No 3
Bro Saml Jervis	J. W.	"	Jacob Diegel
" Jacob Bankson	Sec'y	"	Eliezar Oswald

Bros Isaac Coxe—William Lawrence—Allen McClane—James Sutter—Wm Malliston—Thos Huston—William Bradford—Whitehead Humphreys—Robert Mullan—Adam Melchior—John Vanderin—Jonothan Gastelowe—Col George Noarth.

Transactions.—An entered Apprentice Lodge opened —Bros. Isaac Coxe and William Lawrence were examined and went thro the Entered Apprentice Lecture with great preciseness, a F. C. Lodge was then opened, passed and received the degree of Fellow Crafts.—F. C. Lodge closed and E. A. opened—Mr Wm Fisher who hath lain upon the Books Since April 1777 was balloted for and approved by 17 Members then present, and Entered. Major Wm West balloted for by holding up of Hands approved and received the first step.

Maj. Oneas Williams who had before been balloted for, was then proposed to receive his first step. After being duly prepared this Gentleman arising from want of that Spirit which should ever distinguish the members of this and every other Lodge refused, to be entered.—A Consultation was then had and his conduct appearing to be inconsistent with every spark of Spirit or Sentiment he was discharged after taking a Solemn Obligation never to reveal the Preparations he had received.—A Most singular instance of want of Spirit which ought to be recorded for the Benefit of future Members.

William Morgan—Major Isaac Budd Dunn—Benjamin Davis jr. were then balloted for and approved by holding up of Hand, and received the first step of Masonry The newly Initiated Brethren returned Thanks to the Lodge—"*Secundum Consuetudinem antiquam d essieurs*"

Major Jacob Morris—Doct. Enoch Edwards, and Col. Robert Campbell were proposed and ordered to lie upon the Books one Month,—That the By Laws be read to them, and a petition preferred in proper Form.

Lodge Closed at 11 O'Clock in good Harmony.

December 21, 1778.—Extra Lodge

		Visiting Brethren
Bro John Galloway W. M.		
Bro Gibbs Jones	Sen. Warden	James Lang
" Saml. Jervis	Jun. warden	Alex. Nesbit
" Isaac Cox		William Will
" Wm Lawrence		Benj. Trotter
" George Noarth		Jacob S. Howell
Thos. Huston		John Coats

Bros Jno. Gostelow—John Redman—Evan Edwards—Wm Fisher—John Vanderen—Joseph H. Ellis—Wm C Bradford—Whitehead Humphreys.—Adam Melchior—Thomas Proctor.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened at half past six O'Clock & after reading the Minutes of Last lodge night, (& a petition from Thomas Hogg & Jeremiah Jackson praying to be Initiated & Admitted Members of this Lodge) was closed and a M. M. Lodge opened in due form, wherein Bros Isaac Coxe & William Lawrence were raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M.—The M. M. Lodge then closed, and a Lodge of F. C. opened, wherein the following Brethren were passed to that Degree: viz—John Vandering jr. Whitehead Humphreys—John Redman jr.—George Noarth and Joseph Ellis.

Closed in Harmony at Ten O Clock

December 23, 1778.—Extra Lodge opened

Bro John Galloway	Master
" Diegle	S. W.
" Proctor	J. W.

Members—Joseph Ellis—George North—Whitehead Humphreys—Adam Melchior—Thos. Huston—Wm Bradford—Wm Fisher—Isaac Cox—Wm Lawrence—Jon. Gostallow—John Redman.

Visitors—Wm Croghan—Joseph Kendell.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge was opened when Bros. Thos. Huston—Wm Bradford—Wm Fisher—Jonathan Gostelow and Adam Melchior, were examined and went through the E. A. Lecture. A F. C. Lodge was then opened when the above Brethren were passed and received the degree of a F. C.—The newly admitted Brethren returned thanks according to the laudable custom of Masons.

Bro Sen. Grand Warden John Howard & Bro Kendell was deputed to wait upon Lodge No 3 in order to concur in drawing up an address to his Excellency General Washington requesting his attendance with us on the Procession of St John's day, when Bros. Howard and Scull of No 3. were deputed from that Lodge to agree with us in appointing any Members, that might be thought proper for the Business, and it was agreed that Bros. Col. Proctor and Col. Isaac Melchior be appointed for the purpose to meet the Committe.

The F. C Lodge was then closed and an E. A. Lodge opened, when Jeremiah Jackson—and Thomas Hogg—were balloted for, approved and given their first step.

Bro. Isaac Melchior—proposed Mess. Charles Craig —Stephen Paschal—Daniel Broadhead & Daniel Hutchinson to become Members of our Society—Ordered to lie on the Books for one month.

Ordered—That Bros. Thos. Huston and Cox be a Committe to enquire into the character of above Gentlemen proposed.

Lodge adjourned to Sunday Morning 8 O'Clock Closed in good Harmony 10 O'Clock.

January 12, 1779.—Tuesday being a stated Lodge night.

Worshipfull Master Thos. Proctor in the Chair.
Bro Isaac Melcher S. W.
" Gibbs Jones J. W.
Members present.—Bros. John Howard—John Galloway—Whitehead Humphreys—Isaac Cox—Wm Lawrence—John Vanderin—Thos Jones—Thos Huston—Wm Bradford Jonth. Gostelow—Joseph Ellis—John Redman—George North—Wm Morgan.
Visiting Brethren.—Bros Anthony Yieldall—David Copeland—Lewis Farmer—Jacob Howell—Saml. H Sullivan—Alexander Boyle—Thos. Hughes.

The Lodge was opened in due form—when our Bro. Lewis Farmer as one of a Committe (Bro Matthew Smith being the other) appointed by Lodge 3 to wait upon this Lodge to know whether this Lodge ment to continue their meetings in the regular nights as formerly adopted which is the 2^{d} Tuesday in every month in order that the different Lodges might have the pleasure of visiting each other without interfering with the regular nights adopted by each lodge.

When it was agreed that this Lodge do continue to meet of the accustomed nights without alteration.

Bros. Whitehead Humphreys—John Redman—John Vanderin & Joseph Ellis was raised to the 3d degree of Masonry, Lodge closed and F. C. Lodge opened Bro Thos. Jones passed to 2d degree of Masonry

Bro Wm Lawrence Treasurer received from Bro Vanderin various sums amounting to £ 64—0—0.—

Bro Melchior laid before the Lodge that the extravagant price attending our frequent meetings was so great that he could not for the future attend without some mode was fell upon to make it less expensive & moved that the Lodge might be removed to some private room. This motion was seconded by our Bros Lawrence Huston and others, when the W. M. Thos. Proctor put it to the Ballot whither the Lodge should be removed & it was carried unanimous except one Brother. When Bros. Isaac Melcher—Isaac Cox and Gibbs Jones were appointed a Committe to look for a convenient place to hold our Lodge & make a report at the next regular Lodge night.

Petitions were received from Colonels Wm Williams and Wm Butler—both recommended by Bro Thos Proctor—also from Richard Wister—recommended by Bro Wm Morgan.

Bros. George North and Thos Huston were appointed a Committe to inquire into their Character and report at next Lodge night.

Mr Oneas Williams was again proposed to become a member & was ballotted for & not found worthy.

Our Bro George North being about to leave the City beg'd to be advanced to the 3d step of Masonry but as it was illconvenient for to call a Lodge for that purpose he was raised to the third step in Lodge No 4. our W. M. Thos Proctor being present and it was intirely agreeable to every member, & he is still a member of Lodge No 2.

Bro Boyles Bill against the Committee of this Lodge of £ 43—11—3 was ordered to be paid.

January 30, 1779.—Extra Lodge, opened in due form on Saturday Evening.

Members Present

Rt. Worsh. G. Master Wm Ball		*Visiting Brethren*
W. Bro John Howard in the Chair		Dr William Smith
Bro Isaac Melcher	S. W.	Col Thos. Parke
" Jacob Diegel	J. W.	Doct. Ben. Kendall
" Wm Bradford	J D	Bro David Copeland
" Wm Morgan	S. D	Bro William Moore
" Col Thos Proctor		" Col Nagel
" Jacob Bankson	sec'y	" George Hoffner
" Col Geo. Noarth		" ——— Page
" Whitehead Humphreys		" ——— Church
" Capt Robert Mullan		" ——— McCray
" " Thos Huston		" John Henderson
" William West		" Thos Hughes.

Transactions.—Proposed in Lodge No 2 with the presence and concurrance of Lodge No 4 that James Young Esq. late principal Magistrate of this City agreeable to his dying Request should be buried in Masonic Form and agreed to unanimously.[3]

[3] This is the first Masonic burial of which there is a record in Pennsylvania.

Mess. Charles Young—Thos. Clarkson and Joseph David were proposed by Bro. Col. Proctor and were ordered to lie on the Books according to Rule.

closed in good Harmony at 9 O.clock—

February 2, 1779.—Extra Lodge in due form opened on Tuesday Evening

W. Bro. Col. Thomas Proctor in Chair—After opening an E. A. Lodge requested leave to resign the Chair on account of particular Business, respecting his Regiment and Bro Melcher was appointed to take the chair and our Bro Proctor excused.

Members present

		Visiting Brethren
Bro Isaac Melchior in Chair		Bro. Wm Aldrichs
" Jacob Bankson S. W.		" Jacob Howell
" Allen McLane J. W.		" Mons. Bernard
" Cal George Noarth		" Doct. Kendall
" Jos Howe Ellis		" John Hennesey
" John Howard		" Elijah Dowe
" Isaac Coxe		
" Whitehead Humphreys		
" Wm Morgan		
" Capt Gibbs Jones		
" Col John Parke		

Transactions.—A Masters Lodge opened—Bros Capt Thos. Huston—Major Jonathan Gostelow—Capt. W. Bradford—William Fisher and Col Thos Jones were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons.

The Master Lodge closed, and F. C. lodge opened when following Brethren were passed to the second degree of Masonry: viz:—Bro. Archibald Dick and

William Morgan. At the passing of whom Bro Col Proctor had resumed the Chair.

Our W. M. proposed that the dues of the Lodge should be paid up, and the Secretary at same time directed to make out a list of persons who had not paid their dues of entrance against the succeeding Evening and directed to lay over for the Consideration of lodge at next stated meeting.

Bro Col. George Noarth who had been appointed one of a Committe to enquire into the characters of Col Butler and Mr Richard Wister, reporded that he had made such enquiry, and found them worthy, he refers the members at the same time to the Opinion of his colleague Capt. Thos. Huston

Proposed that Bro. Doct Kendall become a member of this Lodge.—He was politely recommended by Bros Col Procter and Col Melcher, ordered to lie upon the books to be Balloted for at next Stated meeting.

Closed in Good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

(Bro Arch. Dick paid to Jacob Bankson Esq. Secy £ 8—0—0 being his dues.

February 9, 1779.—Lodge opened in due form at 6 O'Clock.

W. Bro. John Howard in the Chair
Bro. Alex Rutherford S. W.
" Samuel Jervis J. W
" Wm C Bradford S. D
" Wm Fisher J. D.

Members present

Bro Wm. Molleston	*Visiting Brothers*
" Jacob Bankson	Bro Wm Gray
" Jon. Gostelowe	" Stephen Cronin
" Wm West jr	" Jacob S. Howell
" Wm Morgan	" Joseph Page
" Capt Daniel Broadhead	" John Church
" John Vanderen	" James McCrea
" Adam Melcher	" Michael Lea
" Whiteh'd Humphreys	" William Moore
" Isaac Coxe	" John Henderson
" Richard Wister	" Samuel Hay
" Col Jno Parke	" Peter Baynton
" Thos Huston	" ——— Hughes
" Benj. Davis	" Wm Aldricks
" Jas. H. Ellis	" Alex. Nesbitt
	" Doct. Jas Kendall

Transactions.—Capt Broadhead and Richard Wister were balloted for, approved, and received the first step in Masonry.

Col Thomas Hartley—Col Thomas Smith—Col Henry Miller—Capt. Lawrence Keene—Col Francis Nichols—and Mr George A Baker—presented their petitions, and were ordered to lie upon the Books until the next Lodge night.

Bro. Col. John Parke, who had been formerly a member of Lodge No 5—was balloted for and approved.

Mr. William West who had some considerable time been entered now requested to be advanced in Masonry by receiving the second step, and received accordingly Bro West alledging that he was under the immediate necessity of going to sea, requested to

be raised to the rank of a Master Mason. After taking it into Consideration the Brethren allowed that in so emergant a situation the measure was justifiable and he was accordingly raised to the third or sublime step of Masonry—

Bros Adam Melcher and Wm. Morgan were also raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason

The several Brethren returned and gave Thanks to the Lodge.

We closed the Lodge in Good Harmony at 11 Oclock

Paid the Tyler thirty shillings & before closing the following Gentlemen to wit:—Stephen Paschall, Joseph Davis and Thomas Clarkson, who had presented petitions some time before were balloted for and approved of.

Bro Kendall having made application to and being admitted in Lodge No 3 before the opinion of this Lodge was known the worshipful master apprehended superseding the application first made to this Lodge and the W. M and Brethren would always be happy to see Bro Kendall as a Visiting Brother.

February 17, 1779.—Lodge of Emergency opened in due form at Seven O'Clock.

Bro Thos Proctor in the Chair

Members present—Parke—North—Jones—Coxe—Jones — Redman — Bradford — Mullen — Lawrence —Huston—Broadhead—Hutchison—Gostelowe

Visiting Brethren—Bros. Bayton—Kendall—Allricks and Hughes.

Doctor James Hutchison, who was proposed and ballotted for some time since received the first step in Masonry.—

E. A. Lodge closed and F. C. opened, when Bros. Robert Mullen and Danl. Broadhead received the second step in Masonry.

The price of Initiation in the future being taken into consideration—The following Brethren were appointed a Committe to Confer with Numbers 3 & 4. on the Subject. viz:—Col. Parke and Col George North.

The following persons having been proposed in No 3 were found not worthy & were desired to be mentioned in the different Lodges—viz:—John Reily —John Stoy & Jacob Godshalk.

Lodge closed in Good Harmony at 10 O'Clock until next Friday.—

At the Meeting of February 17, 1779, the following "Ode on Masonry," composed in honor of Brother Colonel Procter, K. T., was composed and sung by the Brethren:

——— Ab ipso
Ducit opes, animumque ferro. Hor.

FULL CHORUS.

Hail! Celestial Masonry,
Craft that makes us wise and free!
Heav'n-born cherub! bring along
The tuneful band, the patriot song;
See Washington, he leads the train,
'Tis he commands the grateful strain;

See ev'ry crafted son obeys,
And to the godlike brother homage pays.

SONG.

Then give to merit what is due,
And twine the mystic bays;
In joyful strains his deeds renew,
And sing the hero's praise.

RECITATIVE.

While time brings mortal honors to decay,
'Tis freedom gives, what time can't steal away.

SONG.

Unbend his brow from martial care,
And give the patriot rest;
Who nobly brav'd the storms of war,
To make his country blest.

RECITATIVE.

Wake from the tomb the souls of martyrs free,
To view this hemisphere of liberty,
Let them with ravished eyes look down upon
The glorious work perform'd by Washington.

SONG.

Then brethren to my lays attend,
And hail our father and our friend;
Let fame resound him thro' the land,
And echo "'Tis our Master Grand."

RECITATIVE.

Begin, ye sons of Solomon,
Prepare the wreath for Washington:

'Tis he our ancient craft shall sway,
Whilst we with three times three obey.

SONG.

When evening's solemn hours pervade,
We choose the still masonic shade;
With hearts sincere, our hands upon,
We bless the widow's mystic son.

RECITATIVE.

For you, my friend, the inspired muses sing,
Thou firm opposer of a tyrant king;
Go imitate in fact our glorious head,
And in the Lodge, O Procter, take the lead.

AIR I.

Support the craft with honest pride;
When in the field our foes confound,
Display your iron thunders wide,
And strew the bleeding courses round.

II.

Let patriot fire strain ev'ry nerve,
For Washington upon your smiles;
With him 'tis more than fame to serve,
'Tis fame with him to share his toils.

GRAND CHORUS.

Hail coelestial masonry!
Craft that makes us wise and free;
Heav'n-born cherub! bring along,
The tuneful band, the patriot song;
See Washington, he leads the train,

'Tis he commands the grateful strain;
See ev'ry crafted son obeys,
And to the god-like brother homage pays.

J. P.

February 7, 1779.

February 19, 1779.—Lodge of Emergency opened in due form at 7 O'Clock.

Bro Proctor in the Chair

Members present—Howard Lawrence—Cox—Humphreys — Bradford — Jones — Melcher — Vanderin — Wistar — Fisher — Gostelowe — Broadhead — North—Parke—Morgan.—

Visiting Brethren — Cronen — Juzie — Kendel — Hughes.—

By Unanimous Consent

Bro Coxe
" Lawrence
" Vanderin
" Melcher are fined 7/6

each for leaving the Lodge without Permission

Transactions.—Mr Charles Young being balloted for and one Black Ball appearing could not be admitted.

Capt Lawrence Keen and Thos. Smith were Ballotted and approved.

It is requested by the worshipfull [Master] that the Ballot for Mr Chas. Young be entered as illegal, the person who gave the Black Ball not being a member of this Lodge.

Mr Thomas Clarkson and Capt. Joseph Davis who had lain some time on the Books—received the first Step in Masonry.

E. A. Lodge Closed and F. C. Lodge opend. When Bro. Richard Wistar junr received the Second step in Masonry.

F. C. Lodge Closed and E. A Lodge opened.

The newly admitted Brethren returned and gave thanks.

N. B. this Lodge of Emergency met agreeable to adjournment.

The Secretary is ordered to have the accounts settled in order that the dues and wages may be paid.

Closed in Good Harmony at 10 O.Clock.

March 3, 1779.—Lodge of Emergency opened in due form at Seven O Clock.

Bro Proctor in the Chair

Members Present—Jarvis—Ellis—Lawrence—Jones — Cox — Gestelowe — Melcher — Vanderen — Davis — Huston — Clarkson — Wistar — Bradford — Dick and Smith.

Visiting Brethren—Bros. Richardson—Smith—Hughs—Quin—Kendall—Nesbitt—Bayton.

Transactions.—Thomas Smith, proposed and balloted for some time since received the first step in Masonry.

E. A. Lodge closed and F. C. Lodge opened—Bro. Davis advanced to Second step in Masonry.

F. C. Lodge closed and M. M. Lodge opened—Bro Dick was raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M.

Bros North and Huston are appointed a Committe to wait upon Bro Dunlap & settle the account for the sale of the Sermons.[3a]

Bro Lawrence appointed in the room of Bro. Parke (absent upon necessary business) to settle the Initiation Money.

Bros. Bradford & Huston are appointed a Committe to receive the Jewells etc. from Bro. Moore.

March 9, 1779.—Stated Lodge opened in due form at 7 O'Clock

Members

W. Bro Thos Proctor Esq in chair

Bro Thos. Dewees	S W (V. B)
" Wm C. Bradford	J. W.
" Wm Morgan	S. D.
" Geo Hoffner	J D (V. B.)
" Jacob Bankson	Sec'y
" Wm Fisher	
" Whitehead Humphreys	
" Rich. Wistar jr.	
" Major ——— Hogg	
" Capt Daniel Broadhead	
" Adam Melcher	
" John Vanderen	
" Col George Noarth	
" Major Jon. Gostelowe	
" Capt John Redman	
" Jos. Howe Ellis	

Visiting Brethren	" Sullivan of Ballemare No 15
Bro Elijah Dowie	" Jonathan Lumiez
" Doct Kendalls	" John Baker
" Peter Bayton	" Col ——— Oswald
" Jacob S. Howell	" Capt ——— Lang.

[3a] Sermon preached on St. John's day, last.

Transactions.—Col. Francis Nichols and Lawrence Keene were balloted for approved and entered.

Petitions were received from Reynold Keen—Dr. A. Morgan—Capt John Harrison—and Capt. Joseph McCollough and ordered to lie upon the books.

Mr Charles Young who had before been proposed, and not accepted at that time, had an Enquirey held upon the mode of regecting him and under the Bye Laws No 30 it was agreed that a regular Demand had been made and no reason assigned for his rejection, he was approved of after being balloted for

Bro W. Humphreys was appointed in the room of Col Parke to assist Bro Noarth on Consulting with the Committes of the other Lodges in settling the Initiation fees.

Col Robert Campbell was balloted for and approved.

Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

March 13, 1779.—Saturday—An Extra Lodge opened.

The W. M. Thos. Proctor in the Chair—

Members present — Nichols — Jones — Bradford — Wistar — Gostelowe — Melchor — Jarvis — Clarkson —Vanderin—Hogg—Bayton—

Visiting Brethren — Smith — Galbraith — Moore — Howell—Chambers

Transactions.—E. A. Lodge opened. Charles Young was Entered. E. A. Lodge Closed and F. C. Lodge opend—Major Thos Hogg—Col Thos. Smith and Col Francis Nichols were passed. F. C. Lodge Closed

and M. M. Lodge opend, when Col Francis Nichols and Col Thos. Smith were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

Lodge Closed at 11 O'Clock.

Wednesday, April 7, 1779.—An Extra Lodge opened.

Present—Bro Proctor W. M. Bros Jones—Noarth—Bradford—Capt Houston—Gostelowe—Dr Hutchinson—Mullan—Young—Kendall (V. B)

Transactions.—E. A. Lodge opened and closed—F. C. Lodge opened when Dr. Hutchinson, Bro Charles Young were passed. Petitions were received from Col. Richard Butler, and John Whitehead—ordered to lay on the Books for one Month.

The F. C. Lodge closed till the next stated Lodge Night

Closed ½ past nine O'Clock.—

April 14, 1779.—Lodge opened in due form at half past seven O'Clock. Bro Melcher in the Chair—

Members present Bros. Jones—Bradford—Galloway—Fisher—Nicholls—Broadhead—Wistar — Young —Morgan—Hogg—Butler—Parke

Visiting Brethren — Bro. George McCall — Capt O'Hara Capt. Keahley—Dr. McKinzie—Thos. Hughes —Bayton and Allricks.—

Transactions.—F. C. Lodge opened and closed and M. M. Lodge opened, when Bro. Richard Wistar jun. was raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M.

Mr Reynold Keen—Capt Harrison—Col Richard

Butler and John Whitehead were balloted for and Approved[4]

Bros Galloway and Fisher were appointed a Committe to prepare a room for this Lodge to meet in future & that an application be made by them to No 3 for their room for the present Exigency.

M. M. Lodge closed and E. A. Lodge opened.

Col Richard Butler received the first step in Masonry and returned thanks—Mr Robert Roberts who had been proposed some time since and through inattention had been omitted placing on the Books, was balloted for and approved.

E. A. Lodge closed and M. M. Lodge Opened—Mr Theophilus Parke a Captain in Col Flowers Artificers who has been expelled Lodge No 18 at Dover is ordered to be placed on these Books that he may be prevented visiting as a Brother.

Mr Patrick O'Flinn who is recommended by Col Parke was ordered to lay upon the books and Bros Fisher & Parke are appointed a Committe to enquire into his Character.

Bros. Daniel Broadhead & Major Hogg were raised to the Sublime degree of Master Masons.

Bro Broadhead proposed Major Edward Giles, ordered to lay on the Books and referred to Bros Fisher and Parke.

As a complaint is made to the Lodge against Bro.

[4] This is the first record of an election of candidates for initiation to be held in a Master Mason Lodge.

Jos. Kendall—Bros Jones and Broadhead are appointed a Committe to enquire into the Matter

Lodge Closed in good Harmony at High twelve.

April 20, 1779.—Extra Lodge opened 8 Oclock in due form. Present—Col. Proctor in the Chair—Jones S W—Bradford J W.—Rich. Butler—Young—Farmer—Vito—Boyle.

Transactions.—E. A Lodge opend—Col. Wm Butler received the first step of Masonry.

E. A. Lodge Closed F. C. Lodge Opened and Closed—M. M. Lodge opened—Bro Charles Young was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M.

M. M. Lodge Closed and F. C. Lodge opened—Bro Richard Butler, was passed to the second step of Masonry.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at ½ past 10 O clock till the next Stated night, except in cases of Immergency of which every Brother shall have timely notice.

April 27, 1779.—At an extra Lodge met by permission at the Lodge Room of No 3.

Members Present — Bros Proctor — Morgan — Wm Butler—Richard Butler—Richd Wister jr.

Visitors—Bros Yeldall—Howell—Valentine—Leonard — Timmons — Hogan — Hughs — Cochran — Taylor—Adams—Clampher.

Transactions.—A F. C. Lodge opened Col. Wm Butler was passed to Degree of F. C.

F. C. Lodge Closed and M. M. Lodge opened when

Cols. Richard and William Butler were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Richard Wister Jr. Secretary of the Lodge on account of leaving the same without the Consent of the W. M. was fined two Dollars, by consent of the Brothers present to be paid into the Charity fund.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at half past ten O'Clock—

April 30, 1779.—Lodge opened in due form at Nine O'Clock—Bro. Boyle in the Chair—

Members present—Bradford—North—Fisher—Huston—Humphreys. Visitors Hughs—Hand.

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when Mr Reynold Keen was balloted for, approved and entered.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 O Clock.

May 4, 1779.—Extra Lodge.

An E. A. Lodge was opened at 9 O'Clock when Charles Lukens was balloted for and approved, he having been proposed by Bro North and received a dispensation from our Bro. Grand Secretary, which being produced he was admitted to the first step of Masonry, returned and gave thanks.

Lodge closed in good harmony at Eleven O'Clock.—

May 11, 1779.—Lodge opened in due form.

Members

			Visitors
Bro	Proctor in the Chair		
"	Melchior	S. W.	Bro Topham P. M.
"	Bradford	J. W.	" Adams
"	Fisher		" Howell
"	Clarkson	J D	" Valentine

Bro Broadhead S. D
" Young
" R. Keen
" A. McLane
" Noarth
" Rutherford
" McClenachan
" Butler
" Gostelowe
" Hutchinson
" Nichols

Bro Ord
" Coupland
" Hand
" Baynton
" Kendall
" Alricks

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge opened when Jno Whitehead, Capt Jos McCulloch, Robert Roberts, were balloted for approved and entered

Bros. Jasper William Lewis of Lodge 290 Register of Ireland & Bro Jno. Hicklrey of New England have represented their wants & distress in a petition to the Masters of the different Lodges when a Collection was made for their relief in this Lodge amounting to £ 42—16—9.

Bros Melcher & Hutchinson were appointed to deliver our brethren in distress the collection that has this evening been made for their Benefit

Dr Joseph Brown—Mr Mackenzie and Capt George Tudor were proposed.

Bro Alex Rutherford is joined to Bros Houston and Bradford in a Committe for the Collecting of the Jewels & other Matters belonging to this Lodge.

Bros Ellis—Roberts—Young and McCulloch paid their initiation Money—Each 22 Dollars.

June 8, 1779.—Stated Lodge opened in due form ½ past 8 O'Clock

Bro Melcher in Chair		*Visitors*	
" Jones	S. W.	Moses Young	1st time
" Jervis	J W	Sam. Froman	"
" Bradford	Sec'y	Oharra	"
" Cox	S. D.	Six others	
" Lawrence	J. D.		

Seventeen members present

Transactions.—A petition from Israel Philips now confined in Goal praying relief was presented and ordered that a committe be appointed to examine into his conduct & circumstances

Bro Jones & Houston are appointed a Committe.

The officers being proposed to be elected as the former Master Col. Proctor being under a Necessity of leaving the City resigned—when Bro Rutherford was by a majority elected Master.—

Bro. Gibbs Jones	S. W.
" James Sutter	J. W.
" Chas. Young	Treas.
" Wm C. Bradford	Sec'y
" Jon. Gostelowe	S. D
" Whitehead Humphreys	J. D.

Bro. Vanderin having left this Lodge without leave he was fined 15/ for so doing.

A Motion being made whether there should be a procession on St John the Baptists day 24th inst it was carried in the negative—

Bros Houston & Smith were appointed to wait on the different Lodges to inform them of their opinion.

An objection arising respecting the Lodge meeting in a Public House, when Bros Cox & Sutter were

appointed to enquire into a place proper for the meeting and if possible the Lodge House in Lodge Alley,[5] They having power to enquire on what terms they can get it upon if agreeable to the members of said Lodge they making a report to the same.

Lodge closed in Harmony ½ past Eleven O'Clock—until St John's Day 7 O'Clock in Morning of 24th inst.

St. John's Day, June 24, 1779.—Lodge opened in due form at 9 O'Clock according to the Usual custom.

Members present

Bro Melcher in the Chair		*Visitors*
" Galloway	S. W.	Bro Boyle
" Bradford	J. W.	" Cronin
" Gostelowe	S. D.	
" Jones	J. D.	
" Nichols—Whitehead		
" Rutherford—Young		

Brother Rutherford was installed Master, when the Masters Lodge closed & E. A. Lodge opened—the Lodge then adjourned till three O'Clock this afternoon

Closed in good Harmony at 11 O'Clock—

Lodge met agreeable to adjournment when it was agreed to have something for Refreshment which was accordingly received

Members present

Bros Rutherford—Bankson—Galloway—Whitehead — A. Melcher — Vandurin — Gostelowe — Houston —

[5] This is the Lodge House in Lodge Alley dedicated by the Moderns in 1755.

Jones—Young—McCullough— Bradford.

Visitors Bros. Willson—Thuron.

Wm C Bradford
Secretary to No 2

June 29, 1779.—Lodge opened in due form at seven O'Clock P. M.

Bro. Rutherford	W. M.
" Jones	S. W.
" Sutter	J W
" Bradford	Sec'y

Members — L. Keene — Crawford—Broadhead — R. Keene Dr Smith—Mullen—Houston—A. Melcher—Jones—Harrison—Baker.

Visitor Bro Bryson—

Transactions.—The committe appointed to enquire if the Lodge in Lodge Alley could be rented for the use of this Lodge.—Reported that agreeable to the instructions they had received, they desired Bro. Dr Smith to give his assistance in this Business & Bro Smith reported as follows:—

That he had engaged the use of the Lodge House for one year from St John's day last of the Managers on the following liberal terms Viz:—This Lodge to pay Taxes and Ground Rent, with such additional

Rent as may be thought reasonable between this Lodge and the Managers of said House.

As the Lodge house in Lodge Alley being now in the posession of the Hospital Department and as they have objections in giving up said house a Committe was proposed to give said department notice to remove and get posession thereof when Bro Smith & Houston were unanimously proposed and appointed.

A Committe being proposed to wait on the Present Managers of the Lodge House to return them our thanks for their consent in our Request—Bro Dr Smith—Capt Houston—Maj. L. Keene and Mr R. Keene were appointed for that purpose.

Petitions were received from Messr. Fisher—Martin Pendergrast—& Abraham Roberts—Ordered to lay on the books.—

Capt John Harrison and Geo. A. Baker[6] were balloted for approved and received the first step in Masonry.

As the initiation money is due from a number of the Brethren a motion was made that a list be made out and the Sec'y is requested to perform the same and as the initiation Money that has been received for some time is rather small—Ordered that the Sec'y examine the Report of the Committe appointed to consult with the other Lodges about raising it

Lodge Closed in Harmony at Ten O'Clock.—

[6] Baker, for many years R. W. Grand Secretary.

Tuesday, July 13, 1779.—Stated Lodge—Lodge opened in due form at Seven O'Clock P. M.

Present—Twenty three members—five Visitors—Bros Howell—Valentine—Cronin—Shaffer—Bryson.

Transactions.—It was by a Majority of Members

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present agreed that those Gentlemen who had been proposed before this night and lay on the Books should be admitted at the former price received.

Viz:—Seven pounds 10 Shillings to the fund—Ten Shillings to the Secretary and Ten Shillings to the Tyler.

It was also agreed that those Gentlemen that should hereafter be proposed shall pay for initiation Sixty

Dollars to the fund—Two Dollars to the Secretary, and Two Dollars to the Tyler.

A Modern Mason to pay one half, and an Antient Mason one fourth for becoming members. Mess. Jeremiah Fisher—Abraham Roberts—Dr Joseph Brown and Patrick O'Flinn were balloted for and approved.—Mr. Jere. Fisher received the first step in Masonry.

Martin Pendegrast was balloted for and found unworthy.

A petition was received from Lieut. Edward Ledger (a Modern Mason) ordered to lay on the Books.

A Fine being proposed whether those members that did not attend of a stated Lodge night should pay one or not, it was carried by a Majority, that there should be a fine fixed for those that did not attend when it was agreed that every member should pay for such fine One Dollar, and the Officers two Dollars without a sufficient reason.

Following Members paid their initiation fees to the Treasurer:—Bros Thos Jones—Jno Whitehead—Geo A. Baker—R. Keene— Law. Keene—Robt Mullen—Total £ 42—10—0.

Lodge Closed in good harmony ½ past 11 O'Clock.

Saturday, July 24, 1779.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form Eight O'Clock P. M.

Mr Abraham Roberts who had been balloted for and approved received the first step of Masonry—returned and gave thanks.

Members present Bros. Sutter—Mullen—Young—Dr Smith—Bradford—Wm Fisher—Jer. Fisher—McCullough—Roberts.

Lodge closed in good Harmony half past nine O'Clock.

August 10, 1779.—Stated Lodge—Tuesday—

Lodge opened in due form half past Seven O'Clock P. M.

Members

Bro Rutherford	Bro T. Smith
" Gibbs Jones	" Vanderin
" T. Sutter	" Nichols
" Lawrence	" A. Roberts
" Gostelowe	" Jere. Fisher
" Thos Jones	" A. Melcher
" Houston	" C. Young
" Bradford	" Dr Smith
" Wm Fisher	" Ledger
" Jas. McCullough	" Noarth
" T. Bell	

Visitors

Bro Howell	Bro Greaves
" Smith	" Stretch 1st time
" Hand	" Trichett "
" Ord	" Croker "

Transactions.—Mr Edward Ledger was balloted for, approved and Entered

Bro Jos. McCullough, Jere. Fisher—Abraham Roberts and Capt. Edward Ledger—received the second degree of Masonry.

Capt Joseph Price was proposed by the W. M. and ordered to lay on the Books.

Upon an application of No 13 for the use of a

Lodge Room in this Lodge for which they are willing to pay a proportionable part of the Rent, It was agreed that as this Lodge has not yet full posession of this house we have no part at present that we can give No 13 the use of, for Rent, but that they may have the free use of the Room this Lodge now meet in at such times as this Lodge may not have occasion for the same, and that this Lodge will not interfere with No 13 on the first Tuesday of any month.

An application from Lodge No 4 was made praying to be indulged with the previlige of meeting in this room it was for many reasons given by the worshipfull that it would be inconvenient as we had already granted this previlidge to Lodge No 13, previous to their application

Ordered that the committe of this Lodge be directed to meet on Friday the 13th inst at Six O'Clock in the Evening.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock

Tyler was paid 30/.

Friday, August 13, 1779.—Committe met at 7 O'Clock P. M.

The Committe met agreeable to appointment and there not being a sufficient number present could not proceed upon the business intended

Bro. Fisher and Bradford are appointed to make out a list of those that have not paid their initiation money and endeavour to collect the same.

Present—Bros Rutherford—Fisher—Young Gostelowe—Bradford

Adjourned till tuesday Evening at 6 O'Clock the 17th instant.

Monday, August 16, 1779.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form 8 O'Clock P. M.

Members present—Bros. Rutherford—Sutter—Simmons Bradford—Fisher—T. Smith—Melcher. Houston—Gostelowe—McCullough—Roberts—Ledger.

Visitors Bros. Jennings—Smith—Jenkins—Greaves.

Transactions.—Bros. Joseph McCullough—Abraham Roberts—Capt Edward Leger—were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Petitions were presented from Joseph West and Capt James Josiah—recommended by Bros Sutter and Houston

Ordered to lie on the Books.

Following Brethren paid their Initiation Fees—viz:—Thos. Smith—Abraham Roberts—Edward Leger—Total £ 29,0,0

Lodge closed in good Harmony at ½ past Nine.

Tuesday—September 14, 1779.—Stated Meeting

Members

Bro Rutherford	Bro Josiah
" G. Jones	" J Fisher
" A Melcher	" McCullough
" Harrison	" Young
" Houston	" Baker
" W. Fisher	" Bradford
" T. Smith	" Redman
" Nicholl	" Dick

Bro Broadhead	Bro Dr Smith
" Ellis	" Gostelowe
" Morgan	" Jones
" Noarth	" Bankson

Visitors

Bro Chambers	Bro O'Hara
" Rogers	" Hughes
" Jennings	" Boyle
" Col. Smith	" Cocks
" Bryson	" Farmer
" Howell	" Dr Dorsey.

Lodge opened in due form half past Seven O'Clock P. M. E. A. Lodge opened—Capt James Josiah and Joseph West balloted for and approved—Capt Josiah received the first step of Masonry.

Capt Joseph Price was balloted for and found unworthy.

Petitions were received from Wm McKean and Elisha Dick—recommended by Bros. O'Harra & Bankson—

E. A. Lodge closed and M. M. Lodge opened, when Bro Jeremiah Fisher raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

A Petition was presented to this Lodge from John William Batten a Sergeant in the British Artillery, praying that this Lodge would endeavour to get him his parole (he being now confined in the Goal of this City) it was by a Majority agreed that the Interest of this Lodge should be exerted in favor of the above petitioner to get him his Parole.

"A proposal was made by Bro. Howell Master of No 13 setting forth that a very great inconveniency

has arisen a long time for want of a proper meeting of the Grand Lodge which has been for sometime past neglected, it was unanimously agreed to by the Brethren present that the Master of this Lodge with the Masters of the other Lodges No 3–4–13 (if agreeable to them) do wait on the Present Grand Master and request a Grand Lodge to be speedily called for the purpose of Choosing Grand Officers & such other business as may offer for the good of Masonry."

Lodge closed in good Harmony ½ past 10 O'Clock

Wednesday, September 15, 1779.—Extra Lodge.

Lodge opened in due form ½ past 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present—fifteen members—Eleven Visitors

A F. C. Lodge was opened, when Bros Harrison, Baker—and Josiah were passed to the degree of F. C.

F. C. Lodge closed and E. A. opened—when Wm McKean and Elisha Dick were ballotted for, approved and entered They having received a dispensation from the Deputy Grand Master.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at ½ past nine O'Clock.

Wednesday, September 22, 1779.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form ½ past 7 O'Clock P. M.

Members.

Bro. Rutherford	*Visitors*
" Noarth	Bro O'Harra
" Smith	Flure
" Fisher	Dulany
" Bradford Sec'y	Pope
" McKean	Greendige

Bro. Baker Farrell
Howell

Transactions.—E. A. Lodge Closed and F. C. lodge opened when Bros McKean was passed to the degree of F. C.

The F. C. Lodge Closed and M. M. Lodge opened when Bros Baker and McKean were raised to the degree of a Master Mason.

Mess McKean and Dick paid their Dues 64 Dollars each

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

No Tyler attended this night

Thursday, September 23, 1779.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 7 O'Clock.

Present—four members and four Visitors

Transactions.—E. A. Lodge closed and F. C. Lodge opened when Bro Elisha Dick was passed to degree of F. C.

F. C. Lodge closed and M. M. Lodge opened. Our Bro Dick being going to France in the Morrow the Brethren on this consideration thought proper to raise him to Sublime degree for a M. M. which was accordingly done. Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 O Clock.

Tuesday, September 28, 1779.—Extra Lodge

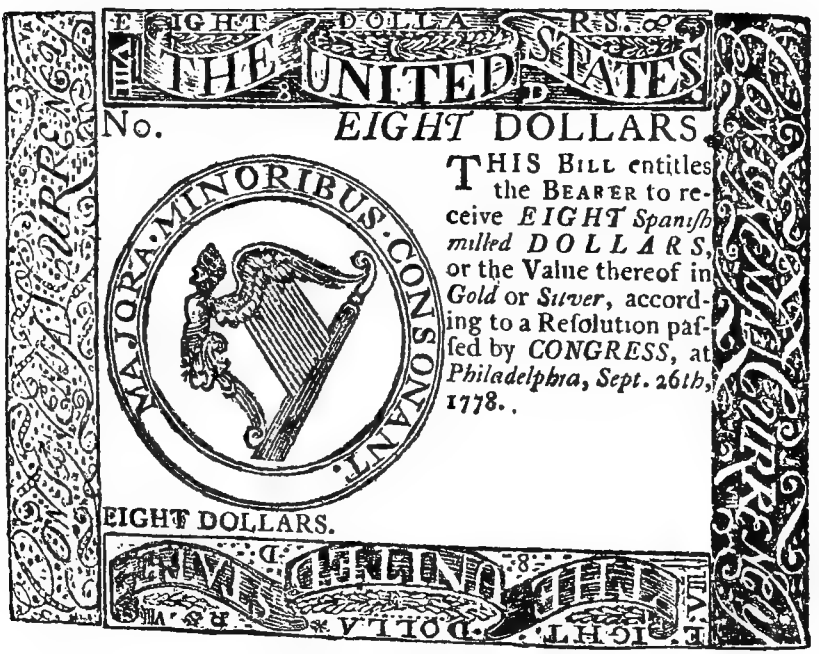
A Fellow Craft Lodge opened in due form ½ past 7 O'Clock

Present—Ten Members—five Visitors.

The F. C. Lodge closed and a Masters opened

Present Ten members—Five Visitors—Bros Smith—Howell—M. Smith—Greaves—Farmer.

Transactions.—F. C. Lodge closed and Masters opened—when Bros. Harrison & Josiah were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.



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Closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

October 12, 1779.—Stated Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 7 Oclock.

Present members

Bros Rutherford	*Visitors*
" Dr Smith	Bro Ja. Smith
" Morgan	" M. Smith

Bros Mullan	Bro Timmons
" Porter	" Nixon
" Fisher	" Willson
" Dick	" Banning
" Nichols	" Backhouse
" J Fisher	Fream
" Roberts	Croker
" E. Dick	Henderson
" Baker	McArthur
" Proctor	Howell
	Boyle
	Greaves.

Transactions.—Patrick O'Flinn approved July last and Joseph West approved last stated meeting received the first step of Masonry.

Petitions were received from John Jordan, James Leddon, James Bradford and Captain John Burrows. —Ordered to lie on the Books according to the By-Laws.

Bros O'Flinn & West paid their dues each 60 Dollars.[7]

Thursday, October 14, 1779.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 7 O'Clock—

Present Twelve Members—Six Visitors—Bros Lawless—Howell—Tatem—Peyton—Greaves—Fream.

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TO THE WORSHIPFULL MASTER OF LODGE No 2

Brother—As the affairs of Mr James Bradford calls him out of the state before your stated Lodge night you may proceed with him when Convenient to you

I am yours

JOHN WOOD, D. G. M.

[7] Continental Currency.

Brother—As Captain Burrows affairs will not admit him waiting the stated Lodge night you may proceed with him when convenient to yourself and Brethren.

I am Sir Yours

JOHN WOOD D. G. M.

According to above dispensation Capt John Burrows & James Bradford were Balloted for, approved and received the first step of Masonry.

Val. Peyton who had received the E. A. step of Masonry in Lodge No 2 of Georgia proposed to become a member—A petition was received from Wm Nunwick, both were proposed by Bro Leger—Ordered to lie on the Books. An E. A. Lecture was delivered by the Master, Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

Friday, October 15, 1779.—Extra Lodge—

A Fellow Crafts Lodge was opened in due form at 6 O'Clock

Present—Thirteen Members—four Visitors—Bro. Smith—Greaves—Fream—Bryson.

Bros—James Bradford—Patrick O.Flinn and John Burrows were passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The F. C. Lodge was closed and a Masters opened when Bros Bradford—O'Flinn—Burrows were each raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M.

Bros Bradford & Burrows paid their due 64 Dollars each.

Tuesday, November 9, 1779.—Stated Lodge.—

Lodge opened in due form at 6 P. M.

Members

Bro. Rutherford	*Visitors*
" Leger	Bro. Bostwick
" Roberts	" Woodberry
" Wister	" Ord
" Fisher	" Adcock
" Jarvis	" Turner
" Young	" Lang
" Ellis	" Coats
" Bradford Sec'y	" Wickersham
" Poyton	
" Smith	

Transactions—Doctor Val. Peyton & Wm Nunwick were balloted for and approved—Wm. Nunwick received the first step of Masonry

A petition was received from Lemuel Savadge—recmended by Bro Roberts—ordered to lie on the Books.

E. A. Lodge closed and a F. C. Lodge opened when Bro Peyton was passed to F. C.

Bros Jarvis and Wister are appointed Stewards of this Lodge.

Bros Fisher & Jarvis are appointed a committe to enquire into the Characters of West—Savadge—Jordan and Leddon.

A Committe from No 3 waited on this Lodge to inform them that the Enetiation Money was look'd upon by to be too small and requested our opinion of the same A Committe was appointed to consult with the other lodges & that the Committe be impowered to settle the sum for Enetiation in Future

Bros Young—Fisher & Jarvis were appointed

Closed in Harmony at ½ past 9 Oclock.

Thursday, November 11, 1779.—At a meeting of the Committe according to appointment at Bro Charles Young's. Present Bros Rutherford—Young—Bradford. They proceeded in Settling the accounts and finally settled them up to St John's Day next agreeable to the charges to the respective Members in the Ledger.

Friday, November 19, 1779.—Extra Lodge.—

Lodge opened in due form at 6 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Seventeen Members, and Six Visitors:—Bros Ord Jennings—Bond—Eddison—Will—Taylor—Stretch.

Transactions.—Lemuel Savadge that had been proposed last Stated Lodge—and rec'd a dispensation from our D. G Master was balloted for, approved, and received the first step of Masonry.

A Petition was received from Capt Wm Paul, recommended by Bros Bradford & Harrison.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 O'Clock

Monday, December 13, 1779.—Extra Lodge—

Present — Eight Members — five Visitors — Bros Howell Baynton—Henderson—Adams—Bryson—

Transactions.—Doctor Edward Duff who had received a dispensation from our D. G. Master was balloted for and found worthy and received the first step of Masonry. He paid his dues 64 Dollars.

Lodge closed in Harmony ¼ past 8 O'Clock

Tuesday, December 14, 1779.—Stated Lodge.

Lodge opened in due form 6 O'Clock P. M.
Members

Bro Rutherford	Bro Mullen
" Sutter	" Vandurin
" Jarvis	" Peyton
" Nicholls	" Doff
" Gostelowe	" Numwick
" Baker	" McClean
" Fisher	" Bradford
" Wister	" Dean
" Houston	" Burrows
" Savadge	" Jer. Fisher
" Wm Smith	" A. Roberts
" Melcher	" Young

Visitors

Bro Steward	Bro Smith
" Valentine	" Howell
" Chambers	" Ogelsby 1st time
" Kendall	" Sidman "
" Collins	" Darroch "
" Cocks	

Transactions.—James Leddon balloted for and found unworthy.

Capt Wm Paul was balloted for and approved

Bro John Steward of No 15 proposed himself to become a member, balloted for, approved and paid his dues 16 Dollars.

Wm Bright was proposed by Bro Jarvis & ordered to lie on the books.

The appointment of officers was then proposed when Bro Rutherford was chosen Master

" Saml Jarvis Senior Warden

" Wm C. Bradford Junior Warden

" George A. Baker Secretary

Bro Charles Young Treasurer
" Jonathan Gostelowe Sen Deacon
" Abraham Roberts Jun Deacon
" Jere. Fisher and Robert Mullen Stewards.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 9 O'Clock

Wednesday, December 15, 1779.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form 6 O'Clock P. M.

Present — Eleven Members — two Visitors — Bros Adams & Smith.

Mr Thomas Duncan Smith who had received a dispensation from Our Grand Master was balloted for and found worthy was entered and received the first step of Masonry. Mr Wm Paul also received the first step of Masonry.

Bros Edw. Duff—Thos. D. Smith and Wm Paul were each passed to the degree of Fellow Craft

A Certificate being produced to this Lodge by a Mr Andrew Allen which certificate appearing to the Members present forged, was rejected and retained from him the said Andrew Allen (he not being known to any of the Members agreeable to the Ancient Custom of Masons) in order that no Brother may be deceived he acknowledging to have wrote his name in the Certificate having got wet Bros Adams and Jarvis were appointed to examine him and found not qualified to enter this Lodge at present.

Brother Richard Wister jun. leaving this Lodge and giving up his Jewel as Jun. Warden, without leave was taken into consideration by the Members present,

ordered that his conduct be enquired into next Stated Lodge night

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock

Thursday, December 16, 1779.—Extra Lodge—

A Masters Lodge opened in due form 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present Thirteen Members—Seven Visitors—Bros Adams Adcock—Ord—Stretch—Croker—Chambers—Smith.

Transactions.—Bro Edward Duff & Thos. D. Smith were each raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Masters Lodge Closed and F. C Lodge opened when bro. Savadge was passed to degree of a Fellow Craft. F. C. Lodge closed and Masters opened when bro Savadge was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Lodge Closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock—

WM. C. BRADFORD,

Secretary N° 2.

St. John's Day, December 27, 5779.—Lodge opened in due form at 12 °Clock A. M. according to custom.

Members Present

			Visitors
Wor	Bro	Alex Rutherford	
S. W.	"	Saml. Jarvis	Bro Alex T. Ogilvie
J. W	"	Wm C. Bradford	" Jas. Loughead
S. D	"	Jonathan Gostelowe	" ——— Bernard
J D	"	Abraham Roberts	" Patrick O'Farrell
Secretary	"	Geo. A. Baker	
Treas	"	Charles Young	

Bro John Dean — Bro Jas. Sutter

" John Burrows — " Allen McClean

Bro Thos. Jones
" Francis Nichols
" Thos. D. Smith
" Jacob Bankson.

Bro Robert Mullan
" Reynold Keen
" Lemuel Savadge

Transactions.—An E. A. Lodge was opened

Bro Alexander Thomson Ogilvie a member of Lodge No 1 in Boston and a M. M. was ballotted for and approved He paid his dues 16 Dollars.

The W. M. Alex. Rutherford having been chosen Senior Grand Warden, the choice of another Master then came on, when Bro. Jacob Bankson was chosen for the ensuing six months.

The Committe appointed to confer with Committes of the different Lodges in this city for fixing the Sum to be paid as Enitiating money for the future report:—

That they have met the Committes of the other lodges when it was Resolved, that Two hundred Dollars should be the sum:—[8]

The following Brethren were on the above Committee, viz:

Bro. Charles Young
" Wm Fisher Jr } No 2
" Saml. Jarvis

Bro. Wm Adcock
" George Ord } No 3

Bro Peter Bayton No 13

Bro Hercules Courtney
" John Henderson }

The Installment of the Officers then came on, when Bro Jacob Bankson was Installed W. Master
" Samuel Jarvis Senior Warden
" William C Bradford Junior Warden

[8] Continental Currency.

A Petition was presented by G. Pardis, a brother setting forth his being in great distress and praying relief—it was voted that a collection be made for him, which was accordingly done.

Mr Andrew Allen who requested to be admitted into this Lodge on 15th December last, but was found upon examination not qualified to enter the Lodge at that time is now proposed by Bro. Allen McClean to become a member of our Lodge provided he go through the different steps of Masonry in due form.—He was then ballotted for and approved.

The Lodge then adjourned, to meet again at six O'Clock this Evening in Company with Lodge 13

Closed in good harmony at 2 O Clock.—

Evening of St. John's Day, December 27, 5779.—Lodge met pursuant to adjournment in Company with No 13 and opened an E. A. Lodge in due form at 7 °Clock P. M.

Members of N° 2 Present

W. Bro Jacob Bankson
Bro Jonathan Gostelowe
" Wm C. Bradford
" Thos. D. Smith
" Wm Paul
" Alex T. Ogilvie
" Robert Mullan
" Alex Rutherford
" Edw Duff
" Jas Hutchinson
" Thos. Houston
" Abr. Roberts

Bro Wm Morgan
" Jos McCullough
" Rich Wister Jr
" Thos. Proctor
" Wm Fisher Jr
" John Dean
" John Burrows
" Geo a Baker
" Chas Young
" Val. Peyton
" Jere Fisher
" Francis Nicholls

Members of No 13

Bro Jacob S Howell
" ——— Burd
" ——— Craig
" —— Bryson
" John Foulk

Visitors

Bro Patk O'Farrall
" Wm Shute
" ——— Lenard
" ——— Smith
" ——— Collins
" ——— Balmaine

Visitors

Bro Geo. Ord
" ——— Bernard
" ——— Dow
" ——— Whitehead
" ——— Thompson
" ——— Bostrick

A number of Brethren being now present who did not meet in the morning it was agreed that the Petition from Bro G. Pardis which was presented to the Lodge this morning be again read, and a second Collection made for his Benefit, which together with the one made this morning amounted to 54 Pounds, and was put in the hands of the W. M. to deliver said distressed Brother.

Some refreshment which had been provided was then received, and the Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

December 30, 1779.—Lodge of Emergency—

An E. A. Lodge was Opened in due Form at 6 o'Clock P. M.

W. M. Jacob Bankson in the Chair

Present—Twenty members—Three Visitors—Bros Jacob S. Howell—Rodgers and Armitt.

Transactions.—Mr William Bright who was Proposed the 14th inst—received a Dispensation from

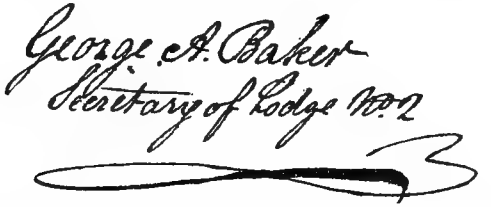
the R. W. Grand Master, of which the following is a Copy.

"I do hereby grant a Dispensation to Lodge No 2 to enter Mr William Bright into said Lodge, notwithstanding his not laying one Month on the Lodge Books; Provided the members have due notice and no Objection is made Decr 29—1779. Wm Ball"

In consequence of which Mr Bright was balloted for approved and received the first step of Masonry—Returned and gave thanks and paid his dues Two Hundred Dollars.—

Petitions for membership were received from Bro Patrick O'Ferrall a member of No 6; Charles McCormick and Capt. Peter Day—Ordered to lie on the Books.

It was observed by Bro. Rutherford that Bro Ghyslin acted as Tyler for Lodges No 2. No 3. and No 13 which was the reason that the Business of this



Lodge was not so regularly Attended to by him as could be wished. A Motion was then agreed to that a Committe be appointed to wait on No 13 and know their sentiments with respect to engaging Bro Ghyslin with a monthly salary to act as Tyler for No 2 and No 13 only.—

The Committe appointed, are, Bros. Jos. McCullough, Thos. Clarkson, and Thomas Houston, who are to report at the next meeting.—

Tuesday, January 11, 5780.—Stated Lodge—

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form 7 O'Clock P. M.

The Worshipful Master Jacob Bankson

Present—fourteen members—Twelve Visitors:—

Bros Coats—Bernard—Plumstead—Muir—Hunter—Darroch — Clamford—Smith—Backhouse—Spencer Williams—Humphreys.

Transactions.—Bro. Patrick O'Ferrall of Lodge No 6 was ballotted for and approved.—

An account was presented by Bro Bernard for Aprons furnished this Lodge in December 1778.

Bros. Rutherford & W. C. Bradford are appointed a Committe to make enquiry respecting it and report to the next Lodge—or if they can do the Business sooner to make their report to the W. M. who is requested then to give an order on the Treasurer for Payment.

E. A. Lodge then closed and F. C. opened when Bro Wm Bright was passed to the Degree of a F. C.

Bro. Jeremiah Fisher Chief Steward to this Lodge informs that his Assistant Bro Robert Mullan has been negligent in performing the duties of his office and that the whole burden of the stewardship has been borne by him—therefore requests that another assistant Steward be appointed in Bro. Mullan's Room—

which being taken into Consideration Bro Lemuel Savadge was appointed

Bro Richard Wistar jr not being present the Consideration of his Conduct in laying down his Jewell and leaving the Lodge without permission is deferr'd till next Lodge night and the Secretary is to give him notice to attend.

A petition was presented from the widow of the late Bro Cromby (together with his Certificate from the G. Sec'y of London) praying the contribution of this Lodge—which was made and delivered to Bro Rutherford for the widow.—

Closed in Harmony at 9 O'Clock.

Monday, January 17, 1780.—Lodge of Emergency

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form 7 O'Clock P. M.

The W. M. Jacob Bankson

Present fifteen members—Six Visitors:—Geo. Ord —Christ. Coleman—William Adcock—Kelly—Jacob S Howell and C Humphreys.

Transactions.—Capt Peter Day who was proposed the 30th December last—received a Dispensation from the R. W. G. M as follows:

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By Virtue of the Authority vested in me I do hereby grant a dispensation to the Master and Brethren of Lodge N° 2 to Enter Capt. Day into the mistery

of Masonry, provided that no objection is made by any of the members of said Lodge.

WILLIAM BALL G. M.

In Consequence of which Capt Day was balloted for approved and Entered. He returned, gave thanks and paid his dues, Two Hundred Dollars.

E. A. Lodge closed and a Masters opened, when Bro William Bright was raised—returned and gave thanks.

The M. M. Lodge Closed and an E. A again opened, and closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday, February 8, 5780.—Stated Lodge

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present—The W. M. Jacob Bankson fifteen members, and five Visitors:—Bros Will Trickett—Smith—Christ Coleman,—August,—and—Sutter.

Transactions.—Bros Alex Rutherford and Wm C Bradford the Committe to enquire the price of Aprons in consequence of an account brought in by Bro Bernard against this Lodge for aprons furnished in December 1778—Report; that from the Enquirey they have made, Judge the sum of Fourty five Pounds should be paid Brother Bernard for said account, which being approved of by the Lodge—an order was issued on the Treasurer for that Sum.

Petitions were received from Dr. George C. Sommerville and Mr Charles Jones.

Mr Hugh McCormick proposed last meeting—balloted for and approved.

Bro. Patrick O'Ferrall approved last stated Lodge —was introduced by Bro Rutherford as a member, and paid his dues, Fifty Dollars.

E. A Lodge closed and F. C. opened—Bro Thomas Clarkson passed to F. C.

F. C. Lodge closed and E. A. opened when Mr Hugh McCormick was Entered,—returned gave thanks and paid his Two hundred Dollars.

Bro William Smith Grand Secretary laid before the Lodge a draught for a New Warrant for this Lodge which was Unanimously approved of—

Lodge closed in Good Harmony at 10 O'Clock

Wednesday, February 23, 5780.—Extra Lodge

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present W. M. Jacob Bankson and Sixteen members—Visitors—Bros. Fossett No 18 (1st time) Sutter —Christ—Coleman—John Schaffer—Peter Chevalier No 3 (1st time) John Foulke—Jacob S. Howell—Decator and Patton (1st time)

Transactions.—The W. M. laid following letter before the Lodge:—

Brother

I am to inform you that on the last stated night of Lodge No 3, A Certain Henry Miller was balloted for and rejected.

By order of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No 3
Feby. 12—1780 GEORGE BOND Sec'y
Worshipful Master of Lodge No 2

In consequence of which it was agreed that if the said Henry Miller should make application to be received into this Lodge he be not Admitted before we Consult with No 3 and know their reasons for rejecting him.

Capt Charles Jones proposed last meeting, having received a dispensation from the R. W. G. M. was Balloted for Approved and entered—Returned thanks and paid his two hundred Dollars.

Bro John Angus member of a Sea Captains Lodge in Sunderland is desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge, According to our Bye-Laws he ought to have lain one month on the Books, but as he intends for Sea as soon as the River is clear, and his Character as a good Mason being so generally known to the Brethren, it was agreed by the members present, that the said By-Law be dispensed with in this Instance he was then balloted for and accepted—Returned, gave thanks and paid his admission money Fifty Dollars

Capt. Josiah Robinson and John King are proposed by the W. M. and Ordered to lie on the Books agreeable to the Bye-Laws.

An E. A. Lecture was then gone through, and Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

Wednesday, March 1, 5780.—Extra Lodge.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Members Present.

Bro	Jacob Bankson	W. M.	Bro	George A Baker	Sec'y
"	Saml Jarvis	S W	"	Thos. D. Smith	
"	W. C. Bradford	J. W.	"	Thos. Smith	
"	Jno. Gostelowe	S. D	"	Thos Clarkson	
"	Abr Roberts	J. D.	"	Alex Rutherford	
"	Chas Young	Treas			

Visitors

Bro	Wm Morgan	Bro	Thos Houston
"	Chas Jones	"	Wm Fisher
"	Hugh McCormick	"	John Angus
"	John Burrows	"	Wm Trickett
"	Wm Nunwick	"	Chas Darragh
"	Alex T. Ogilvie	"	Chr. Coleman
"	Jere. Fisher	"	Jno Keene (1st time)
"	Wm Bright	"	Whitehead

Transactions.—Bro. Young informs that in August last an Account was presented by —— Nevell for fitting up a Lodge room in Walnut Street for No 2 and No 4 Jointly; That the then W. M. Bro Rutherford desired him to pay said account and Call on No 4 for half the Amount of it; that he then paid the whole of said Account, but that No 4 upon being applied to refused to pay any part of it.

As No 4 were equally benefited with No 2 by the repairs done, it is thought but reasonable by the Members present that they should pay a share of said Account—And Bros. Young and Baker are now ap-

pointed to wait on No 4 at their next Stated Meeting and request their paying said Share.—

Capt John King proposed last meeting having received a dispensation from the R. W. G. M. was Balloted for, approved, received the first step in Masonry and paid his 200 Dollars.—

E. A. Lodge Closed and F. C. opened, when Bro McCormick was passed to the degree of a F. C.

The F. C. Lodge Closed and E. A. opened, when petitions were presented by Capt Field and Capt Thomas Rice—ordered to lie on the Books agreeable to the Bye Laws.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 O'Clock—

Tuesday, March 14, 5780.—Stated Lodge.

An E. A. Lodge opened in due form at half past 7 O'Clock P M

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W M, and twenty two Members and Six Visitors:—John Shute (1st time)
Hugh Bay (" ")
John Clarkson (" ")
George Bond—John Ord and ——— Hayes (" ")

Transactions.—Dr George Clark Sommerville, proposed last Stated Lodge night, was Balloted for, and approved.

Application had been made at our last Stated Lodge night by Capt Thomas Rice and Capt John Field to become members. The W. M. then proposed said Gentlemen to the Lodge, but through the hurry of business omitted to order them placed on the minutes

of that Evening. A second application was made in their behalf at our last Extra Lodge and their Petitions presented when they were placed on the books.—A question was now put, whether, as those two Gentlemen had not lain on the Books the Stated time Agreeable to our Bye-Laws, they might with propriety be Balloted for at this time? After debate it was agreed, that altho through a small Omission their names had not been Enter'd at our last Stated Meeting, they had nevertheless been proposed to the Lodge at that time, and might therefore now be balloted for without Infringing our Bye-Laws in the least, they were accordingly each Balloted for and Unanimously accepted.

Dr. George C Sommerville, Capt Thomas Rice and Capt John Field were then Entered—Returned thanks and paid their 200 Dollars Each.

The E. A. Lodge closed and a Masters Lodge opened when Bro Hugh McCormick was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The Masters Lodge was closed and an E. A opened, and again closed, when a F. C. Lodge was opened and Bros Wm Nunwick & Charles Jones passed to the Degree of a F. C.—Lodge Closed in Harmony at high Twelve.

The following Brethren received Certificates and Paid their Lodge dues.

Bro Lemuel Savadge	5 mos dues		£ 3—15—0
" Allen McLean	2 "	"	1—10—0
" Thos. Houston		"	2—17—0
" Alex. T. Ogilvie	3 "	"	2— 5—0
" John Angus	3 "	"	2— 5—0
			£ 12—12—0

Tuesday, April 11, 5780.—Stated Lodge

An E. A. Lodge was opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present Bro Jacob Bankson W M—twenty members, and fifteen Visitors:—Bros John Brightman (1st time) Henry Valentine,—Wm Trickett—Thos. Edison —Jos. Pickering (1st time)—John Thompson (1st time)—George Bond—Clem. Humphreys— —— Worrell (first time)—Boyle, — John Henderson — John Clarkson—Chris. Coleman—Peter Fury and J. Hinkle (1st time)

Transactions.—The E. A. Lodge Closed and a Masters Lodge opened—when Bros Thos. Clarkson, Wm Nunwick and Charles Jones were raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Masters Lodge Closed and a F. C. opened when Bro Thomas Rice was passed to the degree of a F. C.

Bro Abraham Roberts is appointed Steward for this Lodge in the room of Jeremiah Fisher who is going to France.

Petitions were presented from Capt Wm McElhatten Mess John McCartney—Jeremiah Fox and John

Jervis. ordered to lie on the books agreeable to our Bye-Laws.

Closed in Harmony at half past 10 O'Clock.

April 12, 5780.—Following Brethren paid their Lodge dues and received a Certificate:—

Bro Jeremiah Fisher	£ 4—16—0
" Danl. Broadhead jr	4—19—0
" Thos Clarkson	5— 2—0
	£ 14—17—0

Tuesday, May 9, 5780.—Stated Lodge.—An E. A. Lodge was opened in due form at 8 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M.—Nineteen Members, and five Visitors:—Bros. Richard Delaney, Francis Proctor (both 1st time) Rich. Armitt—John Smith & ——— Greaves.

Transactions.—Capt Wm McElhatton & Mess John McCartney—Jeremiah Fox—John Jervis, who petitioned this Lodge at our last meeting were each balloted for, and approved—Jeremiah Fox and John McCartney were entered.

The E. A. Lodge Closed and a F. C. opened when Bro Whitehead was passed, and gave Thanks.

A petition was received from Mr James Skinner—ordered to lie on the Books.

The F. C. Lodge closed and a Master's opened and Bro Thos. Rice was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 11 O'Clock.

Tuesday, May 16, 5780.—Extra Lodge—An E. A. Lodge was opened in due form at 9 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro. Samuel Jervis W. M. pro. tem. fifteen Members, and one Visitor:—Richard Delaney.

Transactions.—Mr John Jarvis was balloted for, approved and entered.

The E. A. Lodge closed and F. C. opened when Bro Peter Day was passed to the Degree of a F. C.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock

Tuesday, June 13, 5780.—Stated Lodge—

An E. A. Lodge was opened in due form at half past 8 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W M—fourteen Members, and ten Visitors, John Smith—Jacob Shallus—Richard Delaney—Lewis Farmer—Michael Jennings—Will. Trickett.—for first time William Little—Daniel Cummins—Jacob Auld—John Bartholomew

Transactions.—Mr James Skinner was balloted for approved and Entered

The E. A. Lodge Closed and F. C. opened, when Bros John McCartney and James Skinner were passed to the degree of a F. C.

The choice of Officers for the ensuing Six Months then came on when Bro Jacob Bankson was rechosen Master—Bro. Wm C. Bradford Sen. Warden Charles Young Jun. Warden—Wm Fisher jr Treas. and George A Baker Secretary.

Application was made by Bro Rutherford in behalf of the Sea Captains Club requesting leave for their

Meeting in future in this room, which after some debate was granted

Lodge Closed in Harmony at high 12 O'Clock.

Friday, June 16, 5780.—Lodge of Emergency—An E. A. Lodge was opened in due form at 8 O'Clock P. M.

Present Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. fourteen Members, and Seven Visitors:—Bros Phoenix Frazier (1st time) W. Rogers—Michl. Ryan—Clem Humphreys—J. Barney—Peter R Chevalier & J. L. Clarkson.

Transactions.—By Virtue of a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge Mess Stephen Gregory, Herman Courter & Hendrick Fisher were balloted for approved, and Entered

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

Friday, June 23, 5780.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 8 O'Clock P. M.

Present

Bro. Wm C. Bradford	W. M. pro tem	Bro Wm Nunwick
" George Noarth	S. W. p tem	" Wm Bright
" Richard Wister	J. W. pro tem	" John Jarvis
" John Dean	S. D. pro tem	" John Harrison
" Charles Young	Treas.	" Robt Mullan
" John Angus		" Thos. Houston
" James Josiah		" Ptk Ferrall

Visitors:—Bro Wm Trickett—J. D. pro tem—Henry Valentine Sec'y pro tem—John Thompson—George Bond and George Glentworth.

Transactions.—By Virtue of a Dispensation granted

by the R. W. G. Master—Capt John Earl was balloted for, approved and entered, gave thanks and paid his dues into the hands of the Worshipfull Master.

Bro Ogilvie proposed Mr Jacob de Hart—ordered to lie on the Books.

Bro John Jarvis was passed to the degree of a F. C.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.—

St. John's Day, Saturday, June 24, 5780.—

Lodge opened in due form at 10 O'Clock A. M agreeable to custom.

Present

The Worshipful Master Jacob Bankson
Bro. Wm C. Bradford S. W.
" Chas. Young J W
" William Bright S. D.
" Charles Jones J. D.
" George A. Baker Sec'y
" John Burrows
" John Angus
" Alex. Rutherford
" Thomas Rice
Bro John Dean
" James Skinner
" John Jarvis

Visitors.—Bro Saml. Bloomfield (1st time)—Chambers.

Transactions.—A Motion was made by Bro Angus (and Seconded) that a hanging be painted on Linnen to be hung up at the back of the seat of the Worshipful Master.—Ordered to lay over for Consideration until our next stated Meeting

The Master was now sent for to attend Court and therefore could not stay to be Installed, but the wardens were Installed and took their seats accord-

ingly Viz:—William C. Bradford Sen. Warden and Charles Young Junr. Warden—Bros. William Bright and Charles Jones were appointed Deacons (the former Senr. the latter Junr) for the Ensuing Six Months.

A Petition was preferr'd from Richard Delancy a brother in Great distress—Agreed to make a Collection for him in the Afternoon when it was agreed we should meet at the house of Bro Nunwick to partake a dinner provided to celebrate this day.

Lodge Closed in harmony at half past 11 O'Clock.

Met at the House of Bro Nunwick in the afternoon where 39 Brethren dined in Harmony—after dinner a Collection was made for Bro Delaney which Amounted to near 700 Dollars, and was lodged in the Worshipful Master's hands for said Brother.

Wednesday, June 28, 5780.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 8 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. Thirteen Members—Six Visitors:—Bros. George Schaeffer ——— Derick (1st time) Charles Dariah—Davis Bevan—Wm McCreary (1st time) Dr. Kendall.

Transactions.—A Dispensation was granted by the R. W. G. Master in behalf of Jacob de Hart proposed last meeting In Consequence of which he was balloted for approved and initiated into the first step of Masonry.

An E. A. Lecture was gone through—

A petition was presented from Bro Redmond Burke

in distress, praying for the Assistance of the Brethren —as this was but a thin meeting it was thought best not to make a collection until our next Stated meeting, but upon its being represented that his circumstances requires some immediate relief, it was agreed that there be a Collection made for him now, and another at our next Stated Meeting when the Brethren who were not now present might have an oppertunity of Contributing for his relief. A Collection was now Made & Amounted to 280 Dollars[9] which was put into the hands of the W. M. to be delivered to said Brother.

Tuesday, July 12, 5780.—Stated Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 9 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. fifteen Members and Six Visitors Bros Wm McCrea—James With (1st time) J. G. Derick Charles Darah—Saml Leacock (1st time) Marcus Gibbin (1st)

Transactions.—Bros W. C Bradford and Jono. Gostelowe were appointed to get a hanging painted to be hung up at the back of the Seat of the Worshipful Master. A petition was received from Mr Wm Moore Smith[10] for Membership—ordered to lie on the Books.—

Bro. Wm Bright appointed to settle with the "Captains Club" the rent they are to pay for meeting in our room, Reports that the terms they agreed upon

[9] Continental Currency.

[10] Son of Rev. William Smith, D.D.

are "That said Club pay one fourth part of the rent which our body pays"—approved of.

Bros Hendrick Fisher and John Earle were passed to the degree of F. C. & returned thanks.

Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock

Tuesday, July 25, 5780.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at 9 O'Clock P. M.

Present Bro Jacob Bankson W. M.—Twelve members and Eleven Visitors:—Bros Greaves—Chevalier — Jennings — Kidd—Lions—Dorsey — Henderson — Lytle—Whitehead—Geo Schaffer—Michl Ryan.

Transactions.—Bro. Francis Johnson who had been regularly Entered in a warranted Lodge, applied to this body for further instructions & in consequence of a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge was passed to the degree of a F. C.

Bro Johnson was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and returned thanks.

Closed in Harmony at 11 O'Clock

Tuesday, August 8, 5780.—Stated Lodge—

Opened in due form at 9 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. Seventeen members and two visitors: Edison & Newman.

Transactions.—A petition was prefered from Capt Joseph Falconer praying to become a member.—Ordered to lie on the books the stated time.

Mr Wm Moore Smith was balloted for and accepted

Bro Stephen Gregory was then passed to the degree of a F. C. & returned thanks.

Capt McElhaton and Mr Wm Moore Smith were now Entered and received the first or Entered Apprentice step of Masonry and Returned thanks.

A Motion was made by Bro Bradford that the Enitiating dues be raised to Three Pounds in Specie or the Value thereof in current money.

Bros Bradford—Fisher—Young and Noarth were then appointed a Committe to take the same into Consideration & report thereon.

Bro Wm Smith [DD] with the former Committe are appointed to wait on Doct. Potts to demand the Room which he holds for the Medical Department—for the use of this Lodge

Closed in harmony at ½ past 10.

Wednesday, August 9, 5780.—Extra Lodge

Lodge opened in due form at ½ past 6 O'Clock P. M.

Present Bro. Wm C. Bradford W. M. pro tem. fourteen Members—Nine Visitors: Bros. Bigham—Bond — Little — Bevan — Schaffer — Edison — Howell—Jenkins and Pickering.

Transactions.—Bros John McCartney—John Jarvis —James Skinner and James Hutchinson were each raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and returned thanks

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday, September 12, 5780.—Stated Lodge

Opened in due form at 7 O Clock P. M.

Bro William C. Bradford	W. M	all pro tem
" George Noarth	S. W.	
" Charles Jones	J W	
" Abraham Roberts	S. D	
" Patrick Ferrall	J. D.	
" Wm Moore Smith	Bro Jos. McCullough	
" Rev William Smith	" Stephen Gregory	
" John Jervis.	" John Dean	
" Wm Nunwick	" Elisha Dick	
" John McCartney	" Thomas Clarkson	

Visitors:—Bros Wm McCrea—Peter Chevalier—Milligan (1st time) and John Smith.

Transactions.—Capt Joseph Falconer, was balloted for and accepted.

Capt John Rice, having some time past made application to this Lodge through Bro. Thomas Proctor to become a member but from the inattention of Bro Proctor was omitted to be entered on the Books—he this evening applies again and is ordered to lie on the Books agreeable to our Bye-Laws.

Bro Stephen Gregory was now raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Bro William Moore Smith was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft & returned thanks

The Committe appointed to wait on the Medical Department report—"that they waited on Doctor Shippen who with great reluctance ordered the upper room in this house, which was occupied by said Department to be delivered up"

It was now unanimously agreed, that the aforesaid Committe have full power to make what improve-

ments they may find necessary in said Room for the use of this Lodge.

The Committe on the raising of the Enitiating dues —Report—that it was agreed by them the said dues should be from and after this time at £ 3—17—6 in Specie or its Equivelent in Current Money.—

Bro Thos Clarkson made an objection to Bro. Herman Courters being admitted to take the second step in Masonry, as being unworthy thereof, which said objection was seconded by Bro Charles Jones—After some debate it was agreed to defer the Matter until next Stated Meeting when it would be proper to choose a Committe to Enquire into the Objections.—

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O Clock.

Thursday, September 21, 5780.—Extra Lodge—Opened in Due form at 7 O Clock P. M.

Present Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. Nine members —and four Visitors:—Bros Jacob Milligan—Joseph Nourse—Cornelius Comegys and Ambrose Croker.

Transactions.—By virtue of a dispensation granted in behalf of Capt Henry Hilton, he was then balloted for accepted, was entered and received the first or Entered apprentice step of Masonry, and returned Thanks.

Bros. W. C. Bradford and T. Houston were appointed Guardians for Bro. Hilton.

Bro Wm McElhatton paid his Enitiating dues by the hands of Bro Rutherford.

An Entered Apprentice Lecture was gone thro— and Lodge closed in Harmony at high Twelve.

Saturday, September 30, 1780.—Extra Lodge,— Opened in due form at 8 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. Eight members and three Visitors:—Bros Bernard—McGannon & Rutter.

Transactions.—Bro. Henry Hilton was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. & returned Thanks.— He was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason

Lodge Closed in Harmony at ½ past 9 O Clock.

Tuesday, October 10, 5780.—Stated Lodge

Opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Members Present

Bro Wm C. Bradford	W. M. pro tem	Bro Alex Rutherford
" Wm Bright	S W pro tem	" John Angus
" Chas. Jones	J. W. pro tem	" Jos. McCullough
" Thos Clarkson	S. D. "	" James Josiah
" Thos Rice	J. D "	" Rev Wm Smith
" James Skinner	Secy "	" Henry Hilton
" Will. Fisher	Treasurer	" Stephen Gregory
" John Dean		" Patrick Ferrall
" George Noarth		" Charles Young
" Thos. Houston		" James Sutter
" Abr. Roberts		" Jno Burrow
" Jno Howard		" Wm Moore Smith

Visitors.—Bros John Carson — Stephen Bernard — Clement Humphreys.

Transactions.—Capt Joseph Falconer who was balloted for and accepted at our stated meeting was now Entered, and returned Thanks.

Capt John Rice who petitioned this body—was balloted for and accepted

Bro Wm Moore Smith was now raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and returned Thanks.

The objections made by Bro Thos Clarkson at our meeting on the 12th of Sept last against Bro Herman Courter's receiving the second step of Masonry, were now taken under Consideration & after debate agreed that Bro Clarkson state his said accusations in Writing and deliver them to this Body at our next meeting,—which are to remain in the Lodge, and in Case Bro Courter should make application to receive the second step in Masonry, the said charges shall then be examined into.—

Bros Thos. Clarkson—Patk. Ferrall and Wm Bright are appointed a Committe to settle the Treasures accounts and the Lodge dues.

A motion was made By Bro [Rev] William Smith sen. to have 200 Copies of the Book of Constitutions printed for the use of this Lodge, which was agreed to and that the members agree to pay their proportional shares of the cost of the same—Bro Smith has engaged to get the same printed.—

Bro. Smith is appointed to enquire the Rent of this Lodge and make report thereof

Bros Thos. Clarkson & John McCartney are appointed Stewards for this Lodge—and Bros Alex Rutherford & Wm C Bradford are appointed to pro-

vide a sufficient number of Aprons for the use of this Lodge.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.—

Tuesday, November 14, 5780—Stated Lodge—Opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W M—fifteen members—and three Visitors Bros—Dericks—Witty—James Sackett.

Transactions.—Capt John Rice balloted for at last stated meeting was Entered and returned Thanks.

A petition was received from Capt Fred. Paschke for membership—Ordered to lay on the books as per Bye-Laws.

Bros John Field and W^{m} McElhatton were now each passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft.

A petition was presented from Capt Hunter a Brother setting forth his distress and praying some relief—from the recommendation of the W. M. and several of the members present of the said Bro Hunter it was agreed that a Collection be made for his benefit, which was accordingly done and amounted to 469 Dollars which was lodged in the W. M.'s hands for the use of said Brother—

Bros. William Bright & Abraham Roberts are appointed a Committe to make out the accounts of the members of this Body, and hand in the same at our next Meeting

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock—

Tuesday, December 12, 5780.—Stated Lodge—Opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P M

Members Present

Bro Charles Young	W. M. pro tem	Bro Thos. Houston
" James Sutter	S. W. " "	" Thos. Rice
" William Bright	J. W. " "	" Rich. Wister jr
" Jonathan Gostelowe	S D " "	" Wm M. Smith
" Jacob Fisher	J D " "	" Abr Roberts
" George A Baker	Sec'y	" John King
" William Fisher	Treasurer	" Path Ferrall
" John Angus		" James Skinner
" Alex T. Ogilvie		

Visitors

Bro J. G. Diricks	Bro Wm Mathews
" J Smith	" Wm Will
" Geo. Habbacher	" Allen McLane
" Lewis Farmer	

Transactions.—The choice of Officers for the ensuing six months now come on when Bro Jacob Bankson was re-Elected Master

Bro Charles Young	Senior Warden
" William Bright	Junior Warden
" William Fisher	Treasurer
" James Skinner	Secretary
" Jonathan Gostelowe	Senior Deacon
" Abraham Roberts	Junior Deacon

Petitions were presented from Mess John Irwin and William Kirkpatrick praying to become members & were ordered to lie on the Books. agreeable to the Bye Laws.

Bros William Fisher & Richard Wister are appointed a Committe to enquire into the Character of the Candidates

Capt Fred. Paschke who petitioned to become a member was now balloted for & accepted.—

Thursday, December 21, 5780.—Extra Lodge—Opened in due form at 7 O Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M.—fifteen members and five Visitors:—Bros Alex. Boyle—Thos. Edison—J. G. Diricks Peter. R. Chevalier—Peter Kurtz.

Transactions.—A Dispensation having been granted by the Deputy Grand Master to Enter Mr William Kirkpatrick who petitioned at last Stated Lodge night provided no objection was made thereto—was now balloted for accepted and received the first step of Masonry.

Bro. Jacob de Hart was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft and returned Thanks.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock.

Monday, December 25, 5780.—Extra Lodge Opened in due form at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Present—Bro Alex. T. Ogilvie W M pro tem—thirteen members—Two visitors viz:—Bro Davis Bevan & P. R. Chevalier

Transactions.—The worshipful Master Jacob Bankson having been chosen an officer of the Grand Lodge, the Choice of a Master in his room now came on, when he was again re-elected Master for the ensuing term.

A Dispensation having been granted to Mr Joseph

Irwin he was balloted for—accepted and received the first step in Masonry.

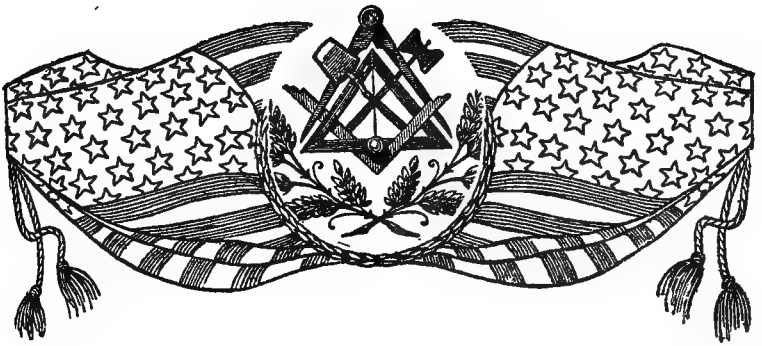
Bro Isaac Melcher paid his Lodge due £ 3—12—0 specie

Bros John King and Wm Kirkpatrick were each passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O Clock

[*Note.*—No Minutes are entered for St. John's Day of this year.]

SAMUEL PLEASANTS,
ONE OF THE QUAKERS IMPRISONED IN THE "MASON'S LODGE,"
September, 1777. Vide p. 309.



CHAPTER XII.

Washington as General Grand Master.

THE participation of General Washington in the procession in Philadelphia on St. John's Day, December 28, 1778, was the first public Masonic function in which Washington is known to have taken an active part. Henceforth great interest was aroused among the "Ancient" Lodges of Freemasonry, both at home and in the field. The records of the various Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as well as those in Massachusetts, all bear evidence of the great favor in which our Fraternity was held by the officers of all grades in the Continental Army.

The next Masonic function of which we have a positive knowledge of Washington's presence was at the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1779. The army was then encamped in Smith's Cove [Orange County, New York] about 14 miles in the rear of the Garrison at West Point.

On the 22d of June, Washington visited West Point,

and on the 24th joined with the Brethren of American Union Lodge in celebrating the natal day of one of the patron saints of Freemasonry. It appears that the Lodge was opened at Nelson's Point at 8 a. m., where the officers were elected. The Lodge was then closed until 10 o'clock a. m. at West Point, where being joined by a number of Brethren from other brigades, they proceeded to the "Robinson House," a little below West Point on the opposite side of the river.[1] According to an old record, quoted by Brother James M. Lamberton in his address at the celebration of the Washington Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary, 1902, "After the Lodge had been opened, and after giving the names of those present, the old record continues:"

After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge retired to a bower in front of the house, where being joined by his Excellency General Washington and family, an address was delivered to the brethren and a number of gentlemen collected on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, followed by an address to the brethren in particular by Bro. Hull (General William Hull). After dinner the following toasts were drank, &c. . . . His excellency Bro. Washington, having returned to the barge attended by the Wardens and Secretary of the Lodge, amidst a crowd of brethren, the music playing "God save America," embarked, his departure was announced by three cheers from the shore, answered by three from the barge, the music beating the "Grenadier's March."

Towards the close of the year 1779, the American

[1] Baker, Itinerary of Washington, 1775–1783, p. 160.

army again took up their winter quarters at Morristown in New Jersey. At this place various military Lodges which had been organized in the American army were at work. As St. John the Evangelist's Day drew nigh, the Brethren, having in mind the successful celebration in Philadelphia a year previous, made preparations to hold a Festal Lodge in Morristown upon that occasion, being nominally under care of the American Union Lodge, yet all "Ancient" Brethren in the encampment being invited. For this purpose the "furniture" of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Newark, was borrowed. The following memorandum is taken from the old Minute Book of the Lodge, under date December 24, 1779 (*verbatim et literatim*):[2]

An acct. of sundrie articles taken out of the Lodge Chest of Newark St. John's Lodge, N° 1, by consent of Bro. John Robinson, Bro. Lewis Ogden, Brother Moses Ogden & Lent unto Brother Thomas Kinney & Bro. Jerry Brewin to carry as far as Morris Town, said Bro's Kinney & Brewin promising on the word of Brothers to return the same articles as p'r Inventory below unto our Bro. John Robinson, present Secretary when called-for witness our hands Brothers as below—

24 Aprons besides one that was bound and fring'd which
3 Large Candlesticks.
2 Ebony Truntchions tipt with silver, the other they are to
3 Large Candlemolds. [get if to be found.
1 Silk Pedestal Cloth Bound with Silver Lace.
1 Damask Cutchion.
1 Silver Key with a blue Ribbon striped with black.

[2] Cf. "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey," Trenton, N. J., 1870.

1 Silver Levell with a blue Ribbon striped with black.
1 " Square " "
1 " Plumb " "

Newark, Dec'r 24, 1779.

(Signed) THOMAS KINNEY
JERH. BRUEN

This meeting on December 27, 1779, proved a great success, sixty-eight Brethren being present, one of whom was General Washington.

It has always been a tradition in Masonic circles that General Lafayette was made a Mason upon this occasion, with the use of the jewels and furniture borrowed from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of New Jersey; but we have that distinguished Brother's statement, made May 4, 1825, to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, that he had been initiated, young as he was, before he came to this country.

Tradition further tells us that at that meeting the question of a General Grand Master over all the States was also considered.

Washington, from his affiliation with our Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, was naturally held in the highest esteem by his Brethren in Pennsylvania, and from almost the very day of the procession to Christ Church, in Philadelphia, on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1778, his name was suggested as a General Grand Master over all of the American Colonies. The movement continued to find favor amongst the Craft, and culminated in a motion to that effect at a General

Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, December 20, 1779. A "Grand Lodge of Emergency" was convened on January 13, 1780, and was held in the quaint Lodge room in Videll's Alley, for the express purpose of nominating General Washington as General Grand Master.

Upon this occasion, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. John Coats, presided, as it will be recalled the Grand Master, Bro. William Ball, was a kinsman of Washington. At this Grand Lodge the following Brethren were present, all of whom approved of the choice of Washington for that exalted office:

Grand Lodge of Emergency opened in due form, 7 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. John Coats, Esqr., D. G. M., in the Chair.

Alex. Rutherford, D. G. M. }
Jac. S. Howell, S. G. W. } pro tempore.
Seph. Cronin, J. G. W. }

Wm. Smith, G. Sec'y.

Bros. Jacob Bankson, Esq., W. M. }
" W. C. Bradford, J. W. } No. 2.
" Smith, J. W., No. 3—S. G. D., pro tem.
" Jno. Henderson, W. M. }
" ——— Croker, S. W. } No. 4.
" M. Hand, J. W. } S. G. D., pro tem.
" Al. Boyle, P. M. }
" John Bull, Esq., W. M., No. 8.
" Peter Baynton, Esq., W. M., No. 13.
" Benard, Past Master.

This Lodge being called by order of the Grand Master,

upon the request of sundry brethren, and also in pursuance of a motion made at the last General Communication, to consider the propriety as well as the necessity of appointing a Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, as the correspondence which the rules of Masonry require cannot now be carried on with the Grand Lodge of London, under whose jurisdiction the Grand Lodges in these States were originally constituted; the ballot was put upon the question: whether it be for the benefit of Masonry that a "Grand Master of Masons throughout the United States" shall be now nominated on the part of this Grand Lodge; and it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

Sundry respectable brethren being then put in nomination, it was moved that the ballot be put for them separately, and His Excellency George Washington, Esquire, General and Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States being first in nomination, he was ballotted for accordingly as Grand Master, and elected by the unanimous vote of the whole Lodge.

Ordered, That the minutes of this election and appointment be transmitted to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, and their concurrence therein be requested, in order that application be made to His Excellency in due form, praying that he will do the brethren and craft the honor of accepting their appointment.

A committee was appointed to expedite the business.

Resolved, That the Masters of the four Lodges, together with the Grand Secretary, be a committee to inform themselves of the number of Grand Lodges in America and the names of their officers, and to prepare the circular letters to be sent them as directed above, with all expedition.[3]

[3] Cf. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Vol. 1, pp. 19–20.

No copy of this circular letter has thus far been found.

About the same time, a petition to the above effect was presented at the meeting of the Lodge at Morristown. Fortified by the pronounced action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a committee of the Army Lodges met at Morristown, February 7, 1780, of which Bro. Mordecai Gist, of Maryland, was chosen president, and Bro. Otho H. Williams, of Delaware, secretary.

The following address was presented by Bro. Williams:[4]

To the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, The GRAND MASTERS of the several Lodges in the Respective UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

UNION———FORCE———LOVE

The subscribers, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in convention, to you, as the patrons and protectors of the craft upon this continent, perfer their humble address. Unhappily, the distinctions of interest, the polical views, and national disputes subsisting between Great Britain and these United States have involved us not only in the general calamities that disturb the tranquility which used to prevail in this once happy country, but in a peculiar manner affects our society, by separating us from the Grand Mother Lodge in Europe, by disturbing our connection with each other, impeding the progress, and preventing the perfection of Masonry in America.

[4] This copy was made some years ago from original in the Robert C. Davis collection. Cf. also "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey," Trenton, 1870.

We deplore the miseries of our countrymen, and particularly lament the distresses which many of our poor brethren must suffer, as well from the want of temporal relief, as for want of a source of *light* to govern their pursuits and illuminate the path of happiness. And we ardently desire to restore, if possible, that fountain of charity, from which to the unspeakable benefit of mankind, flows benevolence and love: Considering with anxiety these disputes, and the many irregularities and improprieties committed by weak or wicked brethren, which too manifestly show the present dissipated and almost abandoned condition of our lodges in general, as well as the relaxation of virtue amongst individuals.

We think it our duty Right Worshipful Brothers and Seniors in the Craft, to solicit your immediate interposition to save us from the impending dangers of schism and apostasy. To obtain security from those fatal evils, with affectionate humility, we beg leave to recommend the adopting and pursuing the most necessary measures for establishing one Grand Lodge in America, to preside over and govern all other lodges of whatsoever degree or denomination, licensed or to be licensed upon the continent; that the ancient principles and discipline of Masonry being restored, we may mutually and universally enjoy the advantages arising from frequent communion and social intercourse.

To accomplish this beneficial and essential work, permit us to propose that you, the Right Worshipful Grand Masters or a majority of your number, may nominate as Most Worshipful Grand Master of said lodge, a brother whose merit and capacity may be adequate to a station so important and elevated, and transmitting the name and nomination of such brother, together with the name of the lodge to be established, to our Grand Mother Lodge in Europe for approbation and confirmation, and that you may adopt and execute any other

ways or means most eligible for preventing impositions, correcting abuses, and for reestablishing the generous principles of Masonry; that the influence of the same in propagating morality and virtue may be far extended, and that the lives and conversation of all true Free and Accepted Masons may not only be the admiration of men on earth, but may receive the final approbation of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the world wherein the elect enjoy eternal light and love.

Signed in convention, at Morristown, Morris County, this 7th, day of the second month in the year of our Saviour, 1780. Anna Mundi 5780.

Which being repeatedly read and considered was unanimously agreed to and signed as follows viz.—

OTH. H. WILLIAMS. *Secy.*

M. GIST, *P. M. & President.*

JOHN LAWRANCE, *P. M., representing the Staff of the American Army.*

JONA. HEART, *M. M. Connecticut & American Union Lodge.*

JNO. SANTFORD, *M. M., New Jersey.*

GEORGE TUDOR, *M. M., Pennsylvania.*

JOHN PIERCE, *Junr. M. M., Massachusetts Bay and Washington Lodge No. 10.*

THOS. MACHIN, *M. M., Artillery.*

PRENTICE BOWIN, *M. M.,*
St. John's Regimental Lodge.

CHARLES GRAHAM, *F. C.,*
New York.

Ordered that the foregoing address with an exact copy of these proceedings signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to the respective Provincial Grand Masters in the United States.

And the Committee adjourned with out Day.
OTH. H. WILLIAMS. *Secy.*

True Copy.

We have no special record of any action taken upon this circular by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The next notice that appears in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge is under date July 27, 1780, wherein it states:

"A petition from B^r W^m. Gray and forty-seven Brethren of the Pennsylvania Line, countersigned and recommended by B^r Col. Proctor, Master of N°. 19, praying for a Warrant to hold a new travelling Military Lodge, to be attached to the Brethren of the said Line, was read; and the Ballot being put, it was unanimously voted to grant them a Warrant for a New Lodge to be numbered 29.

"A letter from N°. 16, in Baltimore, with a list of their Members and One Thousand Dollars were received from B^r Bernard, in Lieu of all arrears.

"An account from B^r Tricket amounting to £80.5 for engraving a plate, &c. Ordered to be paid."

Thus far no reply to the Pennsylvania circular had been received from the Grand Lodge of Massachu-

setts, which was the next most important Masonic Jurisdiction in the thirteen Colonies.

It was not until the middle of October that a reply to the Pennsylvania circular was received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and then only in response to a letter written by our Grand Secretary, Rev. Bro. Dr. William Smith. This correspondence was laid before the Grand Lodge at an Extra Communication, held October 16,[5] 1780, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Alexander Rutherford, Sr. G. W., in the chair.

5 Lodges represented.

The Grand Secretary communicated copy of a letter written by him to the Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in the Massachusetts State, together with Bro. Webb's answer, both of which are as follows:

Philadelphia, August 19th, 1780.

Sir:

I do myself the honor to address you, by order of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, regularly constituted in the City of Philadelphia. This Grand Lodge has under its jurisdiction in Pennsylvania and the States adjacent, thirty-one different regular Lodges, containing in the whole more than one thousand brethren. Enclosed you have a printed abstract of some of our late proceedings, and by that of January 13th last, you will observe that we have, so far as depends on us, done that honor which we think due to our illustrious Brother, General Washington, viz., electing him Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United

[5] Cf. Reprint of Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Vol. 1, 1779–80.

States, not doubting of the concurrence of all the Grand Lodges in America to make this election effectual.

We have been informed by Col. Palfrey that there is a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in the State of Massachusetts, and that you are Grand Master thereof; as such, I am, therefore, to request that you will lay our proceedings before your Grand Lodge, and request their concurrent Voice in the appointment of General Washington, as set forth in the said Minute of January the 13th, which, as far as we have been able to learn, is a Measure highly approved by all the brethren, and that will do honor to the Craft.

BOSTON, September 4th, 1780.

Sir:

Your agreeable favor of the 19th ult., I duly received the 31st, covering a printed abstract of the proceedings of your Grand Lodge. I had received one before, near three months, from the Master of a travelling Lodge of the Connecticut line, but it not coming officially, did not lay it before the Grand Lodge, but the evening after I received yours, it being Grand Lodge; I laid it before them and had some debate on it, whereupon it was agreed to adjourn the Lodge for three weeks, to the 22d instant, likewise to write to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction to attend themselves if convenient by their Master and Wardens, and if not, to give instructions to their proxies here concerning their acquiescence in the proposal.

I am well assured that no one can have any objections to so illustrious a person as General Washington to preside as Grand Master of the United States, but at the same time it will be necessary to know from you his prerogative as such; whether he is to appoint sub-grand or Provincial Grand Masters of each State: if so, I am confident that the Grand Lodge of this State will never give up their right of electing their

own Grand Masters and other officers annually. This induces me to write you now, before the result of the Grand Lodge takes place, and must beg an answer by the first opportunity, that I may be enabled to lay the same before them. I have not heard of any State except yours and this that have proceeded as yet since the Independence to elect their officers, but have been hoping that they would.

I do not remember of more Grand Masters being appointed when we were under the British Government than South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts, but now it may be necessary.

I have granted a Charter of Dispensation to New Hampshire till they shall appoint a Grand Master of their own, which suppose will not be very soon as there is but one Lodge in their State. Inclosed I send you a list of the officers of our Grand Lodge, and have the honor to be, with great respect and esteem,

Your affectionate Brother and humble servant,

JOSEPH WEBB,
Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary and Bro. Palfrey were appointed a committee to prepare an answer to the above letter from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and lay the same before this Lodge to-morrow evening, to which time this Lodge is adjourned.

On the evening of October 17, 1780, the Grand Lodge was reconvened, and the draft of a lengthy letter was presented, which, after setting forth conditions in Europe, where a Grand Master General had been installed, stated the position taken by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as follows:

What the particular authorities of the Grand Master of these United States were to be, we had not taken upon us to describe, but (as before hinted) had left them to be settled by a convention of Grand Lodges or their deputies. But this is certain, that we never intended the different Provincial or State Grand Masters should be deprived of the election of their own Grand Officers, or of any of their just Masonic rights and authorities over the different Lodges within the bounds of their jurisdiction.

But where new Lodges are to be erected beyond the bounds of any legal Grand Lodges now existing, such Lodges are to have their warrants from the Grand Master General, and when such Lodges become a number sufficient to be formed into one Grand Lodge the bounds of such Grand Lodge are to be described, and the warrant to be granted by the Grand Master aforesaid, who may also call and preside in a convention of Grand Lodges when any matter of great and general importance to the whole United Fraternity of these States may require it. What other powers may be given to the Grand Master General, and how such powers are to be drawn up and expressed, will be the business of the convention proposed.

For want of some general Masonic authority over all these States the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania *ex necessitate,* have granted warrants beyond its bounds to the Delaware and Maryland States, and you have found it expedient to do the same in New Hampshire, but we know that necessity alone can be a plea for this.

By what has been said above, you will see that our idea is to have a Grand Master General over all the United States, and each Lodge under him to preserve its own rights, jurisdiction, etc., under him as formerly under the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, from whence the Grand Lodges in America

had their warrants, and to have this new Masonic constitution and the powers of the Grand Master General fixed by a convention of committees aforesaid.

Others we are told have proposed that there be one Grand Master over all these States, and that the other Masters of Grand Lodges, whether nominated by him or chosen by their own Grand Lodges, should be considered as his deputies. But we have the same objections to this that you have, and never had any idea of establishing such a plan as hath been suggested before.

This letter is now swelled to a great length. We have therefore only to submit two things to your deliberation:

First. Either whether it be best to make your election of a Grand Master General immediately, and then propose to us a time and place where a committee from your body could meet a committee from ours to fix his powers and proceed to instalment; or

Second. Whether you will first appoint such a place of meeting and the powers of the proposed Grand Master, and then return home and proceed to the election, and afterwards meet anew for instalment. This last mode would seem to require too much time, and would not be so agreeable to our worthy brethren of the army, who are anxious to have this matter completed.

As you will probably choose the first mode, could not the place of our meeting be at or near the headquarters of the army, at or soon after St. John's day next? At any rate, you will not fix a place far northward on account of some brethren from Virginia who will attend, for we propose to advertise the business and the time and place of meeting in the public papers, that any regular Grand Lodges which we may not have heard of may have an opportunity of sending representatives.

Your answer as soon as possible is requested under cover to Peter ————, Esq., Postmaster in Philadelphia.

I am, etc., by order,

WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary.

An answer to this communication was received from Boston, under date of January 12, 1781, and was read at the Quarterly Communication, March 26, 1781:

JOSEPH WEBB, ESQ., Grand Master of Massachusetts.[6]

A letter was read from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, enclosing the following Resolve of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

As this Grand Lodge have not been acquainted with the Opinions of the various Grand Lodges in the United States respecting the choice of a Grand Master General, and the Circumstances of our public affairs making it impossible we shou'd at present obtain their sentiments upon it; Therefore: Voted, That any Determination upon the Subject cannot with the propriety and justice due to the Craft at Large, be made by this Grand Lodge until a general peace shall happily take place thro' the Continent.

From the Grand Lodge Records,

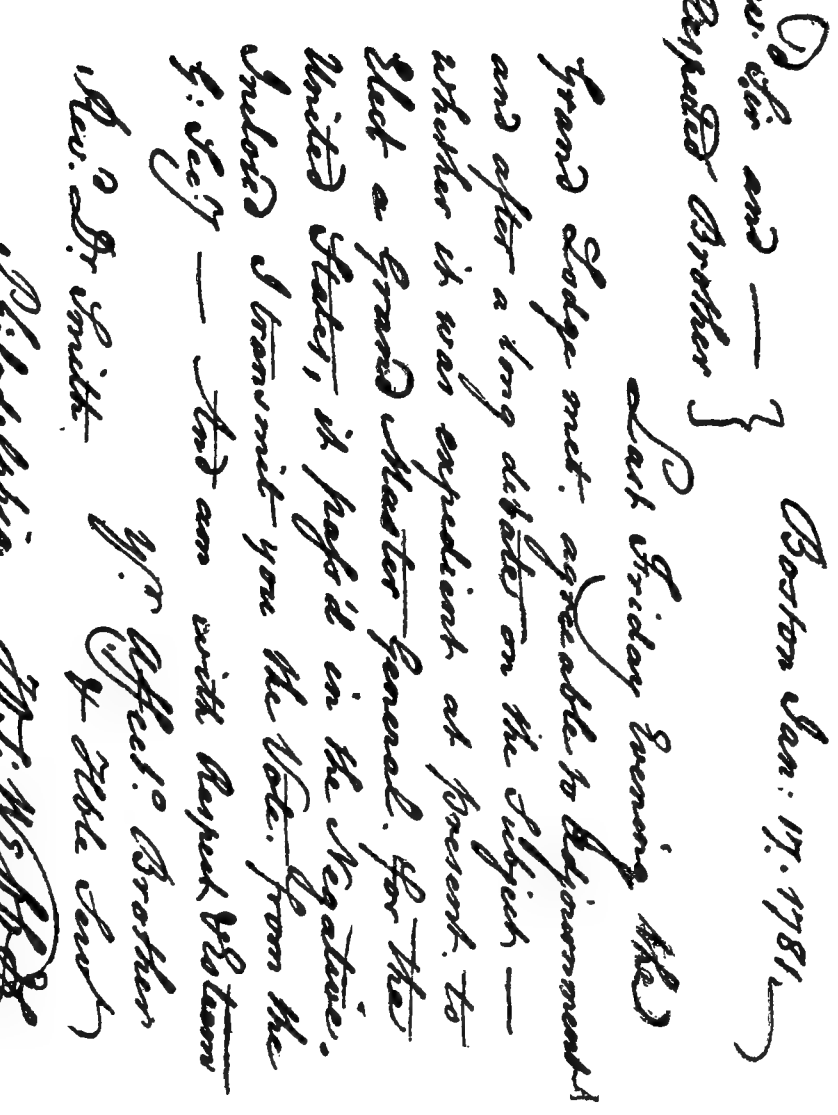
Wm. HOSKING, *G. Sec.*

Boston, Jany 12th 5781.

A few days later, the following letter from the Grand Master of Massachusetts was received by Grand Secretary Smith:[7]

[6] Original in Archive of Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

[7] Original in Archive of Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



Boston Jan: 17. 1781

Rev. Sir and — }
Respected Brother }

Last Friday Evening the Grand Lodge met. agreeable to Adjournment and after a long debate on the subject — whether it was expedient at present to Elect a Grand Master General. for the United States, it was Carried in the Negative. Inclose I transmit you the Vote. from the G: Sec:y — I am with Respect Dear Sir

Your Affect.e Brother & Humble Serv.t

Rev.d W. Smith.

Philadelphia

W.m Mc Leod

Fac-simile of Final Letter from Boston, Ending the Attempt to Make Gen. Washington General Grand Master.

BOSTON, Jany 17, 1781.

Revd Sir and
Respected Brother

Last Friday Evening the Grand Lodge met, agreeable to adjournment and after a long debate on the subject, whether it was expedient at present to elect a Grand Master General for the United States, it passed in the negative.
Inclosed I transmit you the vote from the G. Sec'y.

Yr Affect^e Brother
& Hble Servt
JOS: WEBB.

Rev Dr Smith
Philadelphia

All of the original correspondence relating to the above is still in possession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. With the last letter quoted and reproduced in facsimile, ended the attempt to constitute General Washington Grand Master General of the United States, a scheme so earnestly fostered by Pennsylvania, and only defeated by the negative action of Massachusetts.

A number of propositions to constitute a Grand Master General of the United States have been made since, but the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has always refused to entertain the proposal.

The belief that Washington was the Grand Master of the United States was widespread, and, as Bro. James M. Lamberton says in his address before mentioned,[8] notwithstanding the fact that the project to

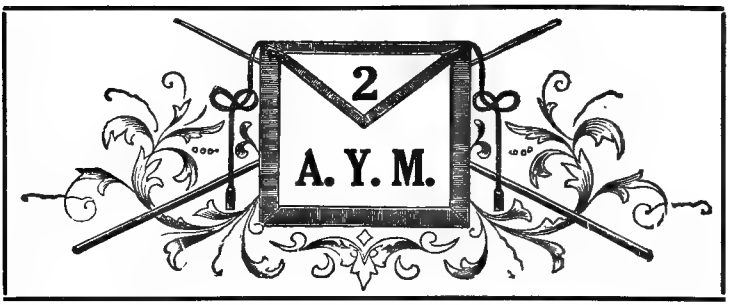
[8] Washington Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, Nov. 5, 1902, Memorial Volume, pp. 135–6.

elevate General Washington fell through, "that the action of the Army Lodges and of our Grand Lodge got abroad, is shown by translations of two letters from a Lodge at Cape François, on the island of San Domingo, directed to General Washington as Grand Master of All America, soliciting a charter, which were presented to our Grand Lodge, February 3, 1786. The same thing is shown by a medal struck in 1797, the obverse showing the bust of Washington, with the legend, 'G. Washington President. 1797,' the reverse showing many Masonic emblems, with the legend 'Amor. Honor. Et Justitia G. W. G. G. M.' (*i. e.,* George Washington, General Grand Master).

"This medal has generally been supposed to be of English origin, but there is reason for thinking it the work of a member of this Grand Lodge, Brother Peter Getz, for several years Master of Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster, Pa. One of these medals may be seen in the collection of Washingtoniana in our Temple.

"Still further evidence, showing how widespread was the belief that Washington was a Grand Master, is seen in the entry, incorrect, it is true, made by the Secretary of Barton Lodge, No. 10, at Hamilton, Ontario, in his minutes of December 12, 1800, 'that a letter was read'

'from the Grand Secretary informing this Lodge of Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania announcing the death of the R. W. G. Master Washington, and requesting this Lodge to go in mourning at their public and private meetings Six months.' "



CHAPTER XIII.

Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., 1781–1786.

Under the Provincial Grand Lodge.

AN era of prosperity marked the closing years of Pennsylvania Masonry under the Provincial Jurisdiction. Many men prominent in the service of the State and country at large sought admission to our lodge. Perhaps as the most notable candidate in Lodge No. 2, the name of Peter Duponceau may be mentioned.

Among the notable events in our history within these six years 1781–1786, we have: (1) The publication of the Ahiman Rezon (an abridgment of the Book of Constitutions), 1781–1783, by Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., of Lodge No. 2. (2) The first organized effort for the relief of indigent and distressed Masons in March, 1783. (3) The Declaration of Peace between England and America. (4) The establishment of a "Sublime" Lodge "Grand Elect and Perfect Masons" in Philadelphia. (5) The failure upon the part of the Grand Lodge and subordinates to raise money for the purchase of the Freemasons' Lodge of

the "Moderns" and its subsequent sale and demolition. (6) Lastly, the establishment of our Grand Lodge as an Independent Masonic Grand Body.

Tuesday, January 9, 5781.—Stated Lodge opened, due form

Present Bro Charles Young W. M. pro tem fourteen Members.

Transactions.—"Capt Fred^{k} Paschke being formerly Balleted for, and accepted is now Inyiated in the first step of Masonry as a fellow prentice & Returnd Thanks."

"By a Dispensation from the Deputy G. M. Bro Rutherford for Norton Bransford being enterd in the Mistery of Masonry, he was accordingly Balleted for & accepted and is Now Taken the first step of Masonry"

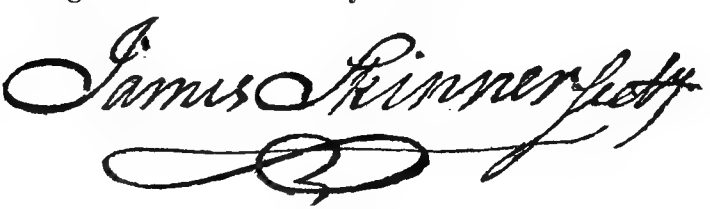
Bro Farrell has paid his Lodge dues 10/ specie.

"Entered Apprentices Clos'd and a Masters Lodge Open'd when Bro. Thos Tillyure was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason

Bros Bright & Fisher is appointed to enquire into the Demands of Mr Boyle's Acct.

A petition was received from Wm Ross—recommended by Bros J. Sutter & W^{m} C Bradford ordered to lie on minutes for Balloting.—

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 O'Clock—



Tuesday, January 12, 5781.—Extra Lodge opened in due form—

Present—Bro Jacob Bankson W. M. in the Chair. Seventeen Members.

Transactions.—"Fellow Crafts opened, when Norton Bransfield having already Taken the first step in Masonry, has now taken the second as Fellow Craft & returned Thanks."

Fellow Crafts Closed

"Masters Lodge open'd when the following Bretheren VIZ:—N. Bransfield—McEllhatton—Dehart—& Kirkpatrick has now taken the Sublime Degree as Master Masons & accordingly returned & Gave Thanks"

Lodge Closed in Harmony at ½ past 10.

Friday, January 19, 5781.—Extra Lodge open'd in duforme

Present Bro A T. Ogilvie in the Chair pro Tem. Seventeen Members.

Transactions.—"A Dispensation being granted by the Deputy G. M. Bro. Rutherford for Mr Christopher Irwin to enter into the Mesteries of Masonry, and a Member of this Lodge he was accordingly balletted for and accepted and from the Recomendations of Several Bretheren he is now taken the first step of Masonry as Fellow Prentice — Returned & gave Thanks.—

A Dispensation being also granted by the D. G. M. Br Rutherford for Mr John Leamy to enter into the

Mysteries of Masonry, ordered to ly on the Books and that Bros Bright & Fisher enquire into his Character.

Masters Lodge open'd when Bro John Earle has now taken the Sublime Degree as Master Mason.

The Bretheren of this Lodge have Requsted the Worshipfull Master to return their hearty Thanks to Bro John Earle for a large & Elligant Chinea Bowell he has Chearfully & generously made a present of to said Lodge—which was accordingly done.

Closed in Harmony 9 O'Clock.—

Friday, February 2, 5781.—Extra Lodge open'd in due form. Present—

Bro Jacob Bankson Esq in the Chair. Present

Bro C. Young	Bro J. Gostelowe
" J. Sutter	" Farrell
" A. Rutherford	" T. Huston
" Wm Bright	" Fisher
" Francis Proctor	" J. McCartney
" Nunwick	" J Rice
" Th. Proctor	" Roberts
Wm Fisher	" T. Hyllire
" J. Skinner	

Also a Respectfull Number of Bretheren belonging to the Army.—as Visitors

Transactions.—A Dispensation being granted by the Deputy G. M. Bro Rutherford for Capt Henry Bedkin, to enter into the Mysterius of Masonry, and a Member of this Lodge, also being xtreamly well recommended by a Large Number of the Bretheren pres-

ent was accordingly ballated for and accepted, an is Now Inijeated in the first step of Masonry—

Bro. Bedkin has paid his Inijeating fees.—

By order of the Worshipfull Master & Brethren of this Lodge—That a certain Marcus Gibbon be Expell'd as a Member of our Worthy Society agreeable to the Character he bears from several Lodges.

Closed in Harmony half past 8 O'Clock

Thursday, February 13, 5781.—Stated Lodge opened due form—Members Present—Eleven—Bro Young P. tem in the Chair.

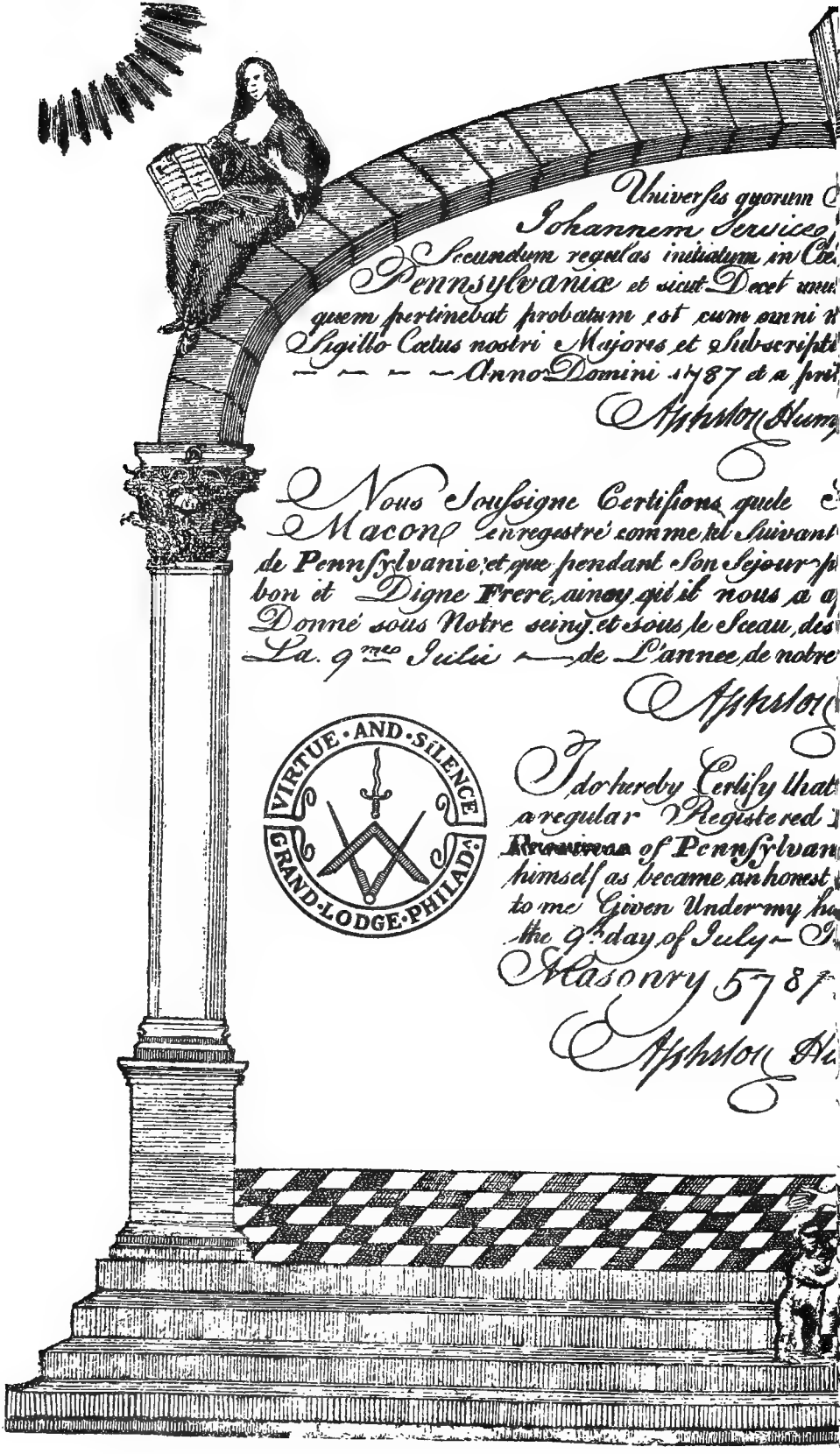
Visitors

Bro Isaac Connelly	Bro W. Mathews
" P. Chevalier	" Col Chambers
" A Croker	" G. Tudor
" Capt Duffier	" W Whitehead
" Wm Smith	" J. Lindermann
" W. Gray	" Capt Martin
" A. McCaskey	

Transactions.—John Leamy and Capt Ross having lain on the Books the usual time, was now Balleted for and Unanimously approved of

A Representation of the unfortunate situation of the family of Bro Ad Betten deceas'd being laid before this Lodge from the Brethren of No 29 it was therefore unanimously agreed that this Lodge pay Ten pounds Specie, annually towards the Education of our deceased Bros Eldest son until he is able to procure a subsistance for himself.

Bro. Dick—proposed for Membership Messrs. John Rudor Egan—Chas. Worthington—James Wemyss



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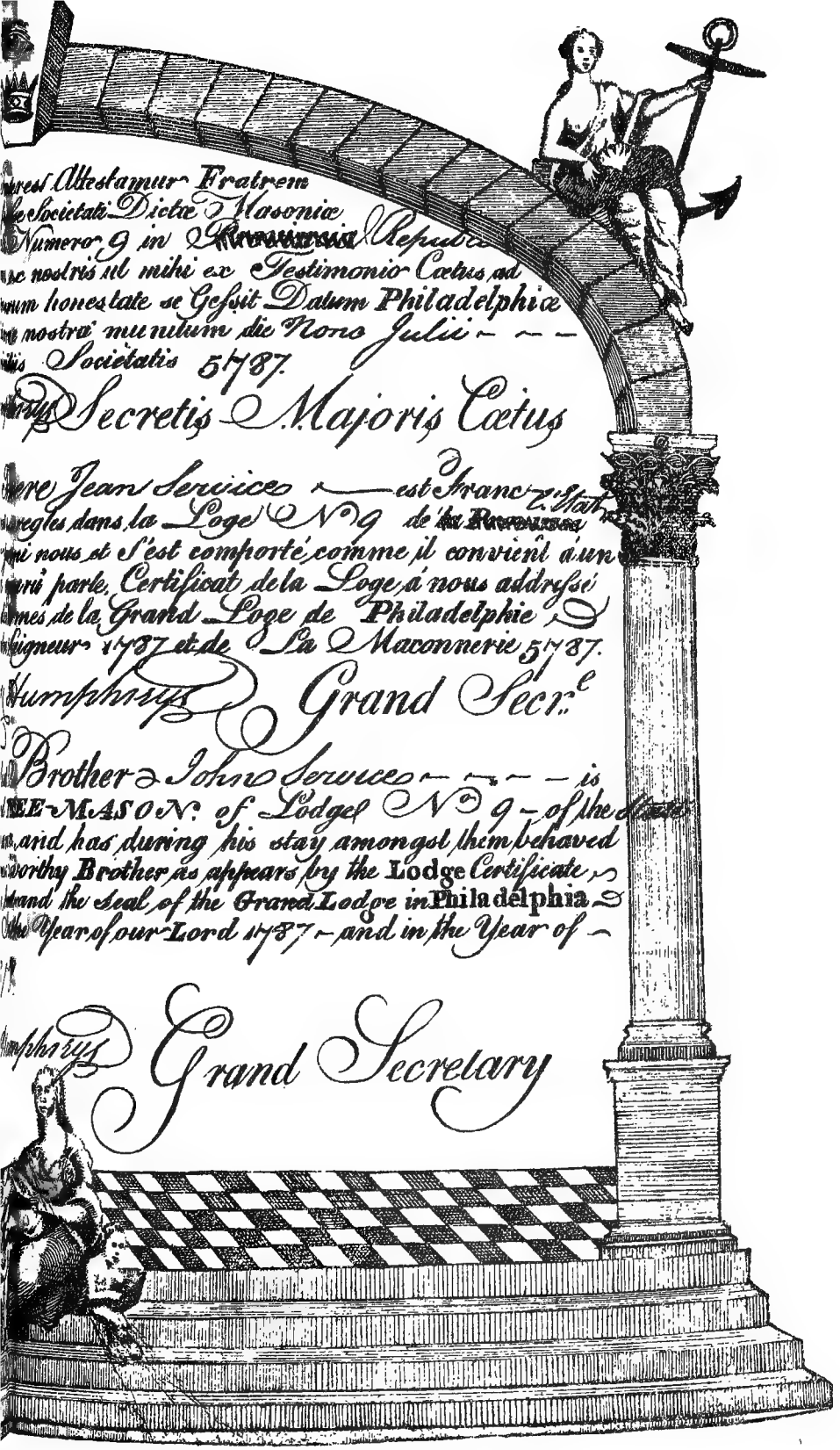

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rum honestate se Gessit Datum Philadelphiæ
nostræ munitum die Nono Julii
is Societatis 5787.

Secretis Majoris Cœtus

ere Jean Services est Franc Maçon
regles dans la Loge No 9 de la Pennsylvanie
ui nous a s'est comporté comme il convient à un
ri parle, Certificat de la Loge à nous addressé
nnes de la Grand Loge de Philadelphie
Seigneur 1787 et de La Maconnerie 5787.

Humphreys Grand Secr.

Brother John Services is
REE-MASON of Lodge No 9 of the State
and has during his stay amongst them behaved
worthy Brother as appears by the Lodge Certificate
and the seal of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia
the Year of our Lord 1787 and in the Year of

Humphreys Grand Secretary

ND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, XVIII CENTURY.

and John Batram jr—Bros. Fisher—Smith—Farrell —& Dick are appointed to enquire the Characters of the Candidates.

Fellow Crafts Lodge opened when Jasper Erwin has now taken the second step.

Closed in Harmony, 10 O Clock W. M. Smith Secy p. t

Tuesday, February 20, 5781.—Extra Lodge opened in due form—

Present Bro. Jacob Bankson Esq W. M. in the Chair. fourteen Members Eight Visitors:—J. Page —Danl. Pendeleton — A. McCaskey — P. Sutter — D. Bevin—Wm Gray—Major Parr.

Transactions.—"A Dispensation being granted by the Grand Master William Ball Esq. for Mr William Shertleff to enter into the Mysterys of Masonry, he accordingly was balloted for, and unanimously accepted. But previous to his Reception it was mention'd by the Worshipfull Master, that under the Constitution the Dispensation operated for Thirty Days, after the Date thereof, provided Due Notice is given, which appeared, as well by the Attestation of the Secretary or of the Tyler.

He accordingly is now Inigeated in the first Step of Masonry & Return'd Thanks.

Bro. Shertliff has paid his fee £ 3—17—6 Specie

Closed in Harmony 8 O'Clock—

Tuesday, March 13, 5781.—Stated Lodge Open'd in Dueform.

Bro Charles Young Esq. Master pro tem. Present Eighteen Members—four Visitors Jno Whiteman—W. Lealand W. Hopes & P. Chevaliere.

Transactions.—Jno. R. Egan—James Weems & Jno Bartram having made application last Stated night were Ballated for, approved and Inigiated in the first step of Masonry, and paid their Inyiating fees £ 3—17—6 specie also Capt Paschke.

A representation being made by Bro Fisher—Treasurer that a Demand was made to him of £ 20—10—1 for work done by Mathew Shaw and that on a Canded Discussion of said Charge it appeared that Lodge No 2, No 13, and the Grand Lodge ought to pay one third each, therefore the Treasurer is Instructed to pay for No 2, £ 6—16—8.

Closed in Harmony 10 O'Clock—

Wednesday, March 21, 5781.—Extra Lodge Worshipfull Jacob Bankson Esq in the Chair Present ten members—Five Visitors:—Bros Chavalier—Jennings—Murdoch—Graham and Tudor

Transactions. — Apprentice Lodge Open'd, and Closed—no business

Fellow Crafts Open'd.

When Bros. Wm Shirtliff—J. R. Egan—Jas Weems—Jno Bartram & Jno Leamy, having already taken the first step as Entered apprentices they have now Unanimously taken the second step as fellowcrafts, the whole have therefore Returned and gave thanks.

Bro Leamy has paid his fees—£ 3—17—6 specie

A Representation was presented by Bro Noarth from Lodge No 3 that Captn Jno. Ord junr. was ballated for, to become a member of said Lodge, and agreeable to said ballate, he was rejected by a number of Votes, it was therefore ordered by the Worshipfull M^{r} that a Minute of the same should be made in case of any application to this Lodge.

An instrument of Writing being delivered to me by the Worshipful Mr B^{r} Bankson which contains the following words: Viz:—

Sir If any Society whatever, except the Captains Club is admitted to sitt in the Room, fitted up by myself and Bro Bradford by direction of Lodge No 2 I have to request, that My name, as a Member of the Lodge, may be struck out of the Books.

(Signed) G. Noarth

N. B. the above does not reffer
to our Brethren of the Lodge.

It was accordingly desired by the Worshipfull M^{r} that the aforesaid Instrum^{t} of Writting should be minuted in the Books, and that a fair and Candid discussion of Bro Noarths conduct in the Lodge of this Evening, should be Minutely entered into next stated Lodge Night, and that if in case a majority of the Bretheren should disaprove of said Conduct, that his Request may be Comply'd with, as being struck out of the Books.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 11 O'Clock.

Tuesday, April 10, 5781.—Stated Lodge—Opened in Due form—

Present—Worshipfull Jacob Bankson Esqr in the Chair, thirteen members—

Transactions. — An Aprentice Lodge Opened & Closed—no business.

The following gentlemen being desirious of becoming Members of this Lodge, their petitions were accordingly read, and ordered to ly on the book of minutes, agreeable to the by Laws, The Gentlemens Names are Mr George Boss—Recomended by Maj^r Jno McGowen—and Capt W^m McEllhatton, James McLane recomended by said Gentlemen, Capt S. Stevens Recomended by Col. Thomas Proctor.

As there were no other business before the Lodge, it was recomended by the Bretheren, to the Worshipfull Master for an Enter Apprentice Lecture, which was accordingly done.

Lodge Closed in Harmony past 9 O'Clock.

Thursday May 8, 5781.—Stated Lodge 9 O'Clock.

A Large number of Bretheren now attending, but for want of Officers to Open the Lodge, they Retir'd on account the Evening being too far spent to proceed to Business but while a few remain'd, in the Lodge Room, The Deputy Grand Master Bro. A Rutherford came in, who Immid^ly ordered an Enterprize Lodge to be opened, which was accordingly done, in due form.

Worshipfull Master B^r Rutherford in the Chair
Bro Wm Smith S W P. T. *Visitors*

Bro J. McCartney	J W	Bro. Clem Humphreys	
" J Ervin	S. D.	" Capt Farries	
" E. Dick	J. D.	" Maj^r McGowen	
" Wm Kilpatrick		" Capt McEllhatton.	
" Jno. Bartram			

Transactions.—The following Gentlemen having petitioned the Lodge last stated night to become Members, and haue laid on the Minutes agreeable to the by-laws, are now Ballated for, and Unanimously approved of. Viz: Mr George Boss—James McLane—& Capt S. Stevenson.

Bro Bartram being Necessiated to leave the State Immediately solicited the W. Master & the Bretheren then present to be indulgd to take the third step in Masonry as a Master Mason, but the Evening, being so far advanced it cou'd not be executed with Convenience, it was therefore postponed untill next thursday Evening on the promise of the Worshipfull Masters engaging that Bro Bartram shoul'd be the first on Business. Lodge Adjourn'd to next Thursday Evening at 4 O'Clock precisely.—Notices to be Issued out accordingly.

Lodge closed in Harmony past Eleven O'Clock

Thursday, May 10, 5781.—Adjourned Lodge Opened in due form.—

Worshipfull Bro Alex^r Rutherford D. G. M. in the Chair.

Present, twelve Members—Eight Visitors:—Robert Connelly Owen Ferris, Geo. Bond—John McGowan—Derricks—Wm Gray—P. Chevalier—Capt Tudor.

Transactions.—Masters Lodge Opened, when Bro John Bartram now took the third as Sublime Degree as Master Mason.

Masters Lodge Closed & an E. A. Opened when Mr George Boss & James Lane are now Inisheaded in the first step of Masonry

Mr Edward Evans having laid on the books since the 9th of April 1777 is now proposed for ballating which was accordingly done, and unanimously Approved of.

The Senior Warden Bro. Charles Young, adress'd the Chair & Brethren present, seting forth a Complaint Concerning some accusations Bro Thos Clarkson has against Bro Herman Cortier, which appears on the Minutes dated the 12th Sept and 10th October last past, And now after some Considerable time being spent in Debating for both Partys it was agreed that the same shou'd beput to Vote by holding up of hands. Whither Bro Cortier shou'd be admitted to advance, further in Masonry (provided application shou'd be made by him) which being accordingly put from the Chair, there appeared a large majority in Bro Cortues favr for admittance, which appeared to proceed from Bro Clarksons Neglecting to comply with the Requisitions of the Lodge, agreeable to the aforementioned dates, in not giving in his accusations in writing.

An Enter Apprentice Lecture was gone through with from the Chair.

Lodge Closed in Harmony past 9 O'Clock.

Tuesday, June 12, 5781.—Stated Lodge Opened in Due form

The Worshipfull Charles Young in the Chair

Present—Twelve members—Nine Visitors, Viz

Bro Guilliam Airtys jr	Bro Mat Hand
" James Bryson	" Benjamin Tatem
" George Hofner	" Wm A Patterson
" Wm Kidd	" McLeland
" George Tudor	

Transactions.—A petition being given in by Bro Matthew Hand setting forth a Complaint he has against Bro Alex I. Ogilvie, the Lodge therefore took the matter into consideration, and finding the Business of the Lodge would not admit time for a full Discussion it was therefore Recommended to appoint a Committe of two Members Viz:—Bro Wm Fisher & Bro Wm Bradford to enquire into the cause of said complaint, and make a report of the Same to this Lodge at next Meeting.

Mr Edward Evans, previously approved was Inishiated in the first step of Masonry & returned Thanks

Mr Evans has paid his Inishiating fees £ 3—17—6 Specie

A petition was handed into this Lodge by Bros Fisher & Roberts in favor of Mr Andrew Duffey.—Ordered to ly on Minutes.

An Election came on for the Choice of Officers for

the ensuing Six Months, when the following Brethren were ballated for and appointed viz:—

Bro Charles Young	Master
" Wm Fisher jr.	Senr Warden
" Pat Farrell	Junr Warden
" Abr Roberts	Senr Deacon
" Wm McElhatton	Junr Deacon
" Wm Moore Smith	Treasurer
" James Skinner	Secretary.

Lodge Adjourned to Friday Evening at 6 O'Clock precisely and closed in Harmony

Friday, June 15, 5781.—Adjourned Lodge.

Opened in due form

Worshipfull Bro A. Ogilvie in the Chair

Present Nine Members and Three Visitors:—Bros Chevaliere—Kidd & Barr.

Transactions.—A petition being presented through the Recommendation of Bro Solomon Bush in favor of Mr Ezekiel Levy, who is desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge, which was accordingly read and ordered to ly on the Minutes.—

F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro James McLeam has taken the second step. & returned Thanks.

F. C. Lodge Clos'd, and a Masters Lodge opened for Bro. Joseph Erwin who has now taken the third step of the Sublime Degree as Master Mason.

Ordered by the Worshipfull Mastr that this Lodge be summoned to attend next Mondy[1] at 9 O'Clock in the Morning on anivr St John's Day

[1] Should be next Monday week.

Closed in Harmony past 10 O Clock.—

[No record of meeting on St. John's Day.]

June 23, 1781.—Following advertisement appeared in the papers of the day—

The Grand, Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons, as also all Knights, princes, and inspectors of Masonry now in this city, are desired to attend (with their proper and authentic Titles) on Monday Evening next at Six O'Clock at the house of Dennis McCartney in Elbow lane, where a Grand Chapter will be held.

By order of the Deputy Grand Inspector for the State of Pennsylvania

LE DROICT DE BUSSEY,
Sublime Grand Secretary

Philadelphia June 22—1781

Pennsylvania Packet, June 23, 1781.

In pursuance of above notice a Grand Sublime Chapter was held on June 25, with following dignitaries present, most of whom were identified with Lodge No. 2.

Bro. Solomon Bush, Dep. Gr. Insp. for Pennsylvania.
" Isaac Da Costa, Gr. Warden Insp. Genl. for W. I.
" Simon Nathan, Dep. Gr. Insp. for North Carolina.
" Samuel Myers, Dep. Gr. Insp. for Leward Islands.
" Barnard M. Spitzer, Dep. Gr. Insp. for Georgia.
" Thomas Randal, Dep. Gr. Insp. for New Jersey.
" Benjamin Seixas, Prince of Jerusalem.
" Moses Cohen, Knight of the Sun.
" Myer M. Cohen, Knight of the Sun.

[1] At this meeting Bro. Alexander I. Ogilvie, a Christian and member of Lodge No. 2, and a Royal Arch Mason, applied for admittance but was refused.

One of the principal acts done at this meeting was the acknowledgment of the patent granted Abraham Frost, a merchant of Philadelphia, as Deputy Grand Inspector of Virginia. This original patent, signed by Moses M. Hays as Deputy Grand Inspector General, is said to be the most ancient document of the kind known, and is on exhibition in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

HEALTH STABILITY AND POWER

By the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

LUX EX TENEBRIS.

From the East of the Grand of the Most Puissant Council of the Most Valiant Princes and Sublime Masons of the Royal Secret &c &c &c under the Celestial Canopy of the Zenith which answers to 39 Degrees 40 M. N. L.

To our Illustrious and Most Valiant Knights and Princes of Free Accepted and Perfect Masons of all Degrees over the surface of the two Hemispheres. We Moses M. Hays Gr^{d}. El^{d}. Perf^{t}. and Sub^{me}. Mason Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem &c &c &c. Pat^{r}. Noach^{te}. Sovereign Knight of the Sun and K———H. &c &c &c. Dept^{y}. Insp^{tr}. General over all Lodges Chapters Councils and Grand Councils of the Superior Degrees of Antient and Modern Free Masonry over the surface of the two Hemispheres. By Patent from the Grand Council of Princes of Masons at New York in North America &c. &c. &c. under the special protection of the Most Puissant Princes and in their Place and Head Do certify and attest to all free and Valiant Princes of Masons or Free and Accepted Masons &c &c &c. That our Dear Brother Abraham Forst late of the City of London now Merchant of the City

We the undersigned Princes and Inspectors of Masonry convened at a Chapter in the City of Philadelphia this 25th June 1781 do Recognize and acknowledge the within Patent to be proper and authentic

B. Bush D. Insp. Gen. Pennsylvania

Isaac Da Costa Dep. Gr. Insp. Gen. for North America & the W. Indies

Saml. Myers D. G. Insp. Gl. for Windward Isl.

Simon Valiar D. G. Insp. Gen. N. Carolina

Tho: Randall D. G. Insp. Gen. for New Jersey

Ad. Mos. Fitzer D. G. Insp. for Georgia

FACSIMILE OF ENDORSEMENT ON THE PATENT GRANTED ABRAHAM FROST, JUNE 25, 1781.

of Philadelphia in the State or Province of Pennsylvania in North America is known and approved Master Mason Sublime Lodge Gr^{d}. El^{d}. Perf^{t}. and Sub^{me}. Mason Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem &c &c &c and that having . . . the Brightness of the Grand Luminary and . . . Solid Proofs of the fervency constancy . . . the Royal Craft and of his submission to the Supreme Tribunal of the Soverign Princes of the Royal Secret We constitute him Patriarch . . . Sovereign Knight of the Sun and K———H. and further to the highest Degree in Masonry. And being convinced of his abilities in the Royal Art and to recompense him for his Assiduity and the Trouble he has taken to come to the perfection of all Degrees in Masonary We have consented to Grant Constitute and Appoint our said Dear Brother Abraham Forst by these Presents Deputy Inspector and Grand Master of and over all Lodges of the Royal Arch Gr^{d}. El^{t}. and Perf^{t}. Masons Councils of Knight of the East and Princes of Jerusalem &c &c &c Grand Councils of Knights of the Sun and K———H. &c &c &c. and hereby give him full Power to Constitute Lodges of Royal Arch and Perfection also Councils and Grand Councils of Knight of the East and Princes of Jerusalem &c &c &c. also Grand Chapters of Sovereign Knights of the Sun and K———H in the State or Province of Virginia in North America within the Distance of twenty-five Leagues of any such Lodge or Chapter Council or Grand Council already regularly established and constituted And that he the said Abraham Forst in all things shall fully conform and behave himself to all the Rules Statutes and Laws conformable to all the different Degrees and this our Patent.

We therefore pray all the Respectable Brethren Knights and Princes of Masonry to receive our said Dear Brother

Abraham Forst in his respectable Qualities and to entertain him favourably in everything relative to them

We Promise to have the same Regard to those who shall present themselves to Our Lodge and Grand Council furnished with proper and Authentic Titles

To which We Moses M. Hays have hereunto subscribed our Name and affixed our Seal at Arms and also the Grand Seal of Princes of Masons in the Place where the greatest of Treasures are deposited the beholding of which fills Us with Comfort Joy and acknowledgment of all that's Great and Good near the B. B. this Ninth Day of the Seventh Month called Nisson of the year 7781 of the Restoration 2311 and of the Vulgar Ara the Fourth Day of April 1781

MOSES M HAYS, Pr. MMs
Dy. Gr. Insp. Genl.

By order
S. BUSH, *D. G. Sey^ry.*

June 30, 5781.—Extra Lodge in due form

Transactions.—A Dispensation being granted by D. G. M^r in behalf of Mr Andrew Duffey to become a member of this Lodge, which Dispensation was accordingly balloted for and approved of. Therefore Mr Andrew Duffey was now Inishiated in the first step of Masonry & returned Thanks.

Members Present:—Bro Cowpland in the Chair Pro Tem Bros Bradford—Forrell—Fisher—Roberts—McEllhatton—Dean—Evans—Ervin—Angus — Visitors: —Lyon—Bond Vanderpull—Closed in Harmony past 10 O'Clock—

Tuesday, July 10, 5781.—Stated Lodge opened in due form.

Worshipfull Charles Young Esq in the Chair.

Present—Bros Erwin—Dean—Smith—Rice—Farrell—Evans—McEllhattin—Baker

Visitors—Gilchrist—Artison—Hamilton — Vanderpool—Kidd—Chevalier—Beck—Gorey—Bash.

Transactions.—A report was deliver'd in by Bros Fisher & Bradford, who was appointed by the Lodge to settle and adjust a Matter in Dispute between Bros. Alex^r T. Ogilvie & Matthew Hand, which report was laid before the Lodge, and on a fair and candid hearing on both sides, their assertions against each other, were so Diametricaly opposite that they could not give any Satisfactory Report to either party without censure.

Mr Ezekial Levy being already recomended by Bro Bush is now Ballated for, and approved of—

Doctor James Fallon being recomended to this Lodge by the W. M. Bro C. Young to become a member, and by the said recomendation of this being regularly raised to the Sublime Degree as Master Mason, it was proposed (by the holding up of Hands) for his admittance, when the majority appeared in his favor for acceptance.

The Late Treasurer is requested to enquire into the Demands of Matthew Shaw, and see that the same may be adjusted & paid.

Closed in Harmony 10 O Clock—

July 26, 5781.—Lodge of Emergency—

Opened in due form

Bro Alexander Rutherford Esq D. G. Master in the Chair.

Present Bros—C. Young—T. Proctor—P. Farrell—Wm Bradford—J. Gostelowe—J. Dean—J. Erwin.

Visitors—Bros Hamilton—Gilchrist—Guin.

Transactions.—Masters Lodge opened—when following Bretheren were Instal'd & qualify'd to their different appointments: viz:—

Bro	Charles Young	Master
"	Patrick Farrell	Junior Warden
"	James Skinner	Secretary

Masters Lodge closed—F. C. opened—when an amount was produced by Bro Proctor for necessarys supplyed this Lodge by James Butland for Gold Lace &c it was therefore ordered that the same be Reduced to Specie agreeable to the scale of Depreciation and that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the same.

Bros Rutherford—Whitehead & Proctor now present and as members of the Grand Lodge request that Ezekiel Levy who is already ballated for & accepted may not be Inishiated untill orders received from the Grand Lodge.

Closed in Harmony 10 O Clock—

Tuesday, August 14, 5781.—Stated Lodge opened in due form.

The Worshipfull Charles Young Esq. in the Chair.

Present—ten Members and ten Visitors:—J. Wool, Gray—Withey—R. Jones—J. Parr—J Thomson—R. Cocks E. McCadey—J. H. Buggs—Baycer.

Transactions.—F. C. Lodge opened, when Bro Jno Rice has taken the Second Step & returned Thanks.

A petition was given in from Capt Jno. Gassaway praying to become a member—Ordered to ly on the books the usual time.

An Entered Apprentice Lecture given from the Chair. Ordered—That Bros Smith & Skinner Inspect into the Books of the former Treasurer, and see that the Residue of what sums may Remain in his hands be paid up to the present Treasurer, also the Amounts of the Lodge dues be made out to the different members, when it is hop'd they will be punctual in discharging the same

Bros. Rutherford—Young—Smith, Fallon & Bankson appointed to revise the By Laws, and make what Allteration, or amendments that they may see Necessary and lay the same before the Lodge next stated night.

Agreed that Bro Farrell be required to make out an Instrument in Writting for the Master Masons to Subscribe that they may attend weekly for a Masters Lecture.

Order'd that an officer be chosen, next meeting in the Room of Bro Wm Fisher as Senior Warden on account of his Business wont admitt of his Attendence.

Bros. A. Roberts & J Fisher is appointed as Stewarts for the ensuing six months, whose duty it will be to procure what necessarys may be requisite for the benefit of the Lodge, such as Meat &c. Also

that the Treasurer be Required to assist the stewarts and purchase six kegs of Bisket—one box good Candles—One English cheese,—six loaves single refined sugar Ten Gallons of good Spirits,—also pen—Ink & paper for the use of the Lodge, all which is to be paid out of the Lodge funds by the Treasurer, and Give Credit to the Lodge for the different sums that May be collected for what is expended or us'd from time to time.

It is Further agreed that every member & Visiting Bretheren, pay for his proportion of the expence for the Night, before his leaving the Lodge—Eighteen Pence—Specie.

Bro Rice paid his dues £ 3—17—6

Lodge Clos'd in Harmony past 10 O Clock

Monday, August 20, 5781.—Extra Lodge opened in Dueform.

Worshipful Bro. Charles Young in the Chair.

Members Present—

Bro Jno Harrison
" Wm C. Bradford
" Patk. Farrell
" Wm Moore Smith
" A. Rutherford
" Jno McCartney
" John Rice
" Thos. Smith

Bro Jos. Erwin
" Jno Bartram
" Wm Bright
" Jno Dean
" Jno Angus
" Thos. Rice
" Jas Weems
" J. Bankson

Visitors.

Bro Jno Willett
" J. Humphreys
" Robert French of Baltimore No 15.
" Samuel Bullus No 25

Bro Wm Kidd
" Jno Henderson
" Wm Gray
" Capt J. Lownes.
" J. Smith

Bro Stephen Cronin
" Major Wm Parr
" Jas. Thomson
" Wm Rodman

Bro Patk O'Flinn
" Capt Francis Proctor

Transactions.—A dispensation being Granted by the Deputy G. Mr Bro Rutherford in favor of Capt Jno Gassaway who has already petitioned, and from the unblemish'd Character he appears to bear, and the warmest Recomendations from a number of Respectable Brethren, he was accordingly balloted for, and unanimously approved of, therefor agreeable to the prayer of his petition, he is now Inishiated in the first step of Masonry.

Enter'd Apprentice Closed—Fellow Craft open'd when Bro Jno Gassaway have taken the second step as fellowcraft & gave thanks.

Closed in Harmony 10 O Clock.

Friday, August 23, 5781.—Extra Lodge open'd in Due form.

Worshipfull Bro. C. Young in the Chair.

Present four members—five Visitors:—Bros Wm Sellers—T. Gilchrist—J. Withey—W. Wolf—Graham.—

Transactions.—Masters Lodge open'd when Bro Jno. Gassaway was admitted to the third Sublime Degree as Master Mason.

Closed in Harmony at 9 O'Clock.

Tuesday, September 11, 5781.—Stated Lodge opened in Due form.

Worshipful Charles Young Esqr in the Chair—

Present members:—

Bro P. Farrell	Bro Wm Wister
" J. Erwin	" Wm Smith
" Wm McCulloch	" J. Dean
" E. Dick	" T. Rice
" A. Rutherford	" J. Bartram
" A. Roberts	" J. Leamey
" J. Fisher	

Visitors

Bro Wm Adcock	Bro Wm Savadge
" Col. Johnson	" R. Jones.
" Thos Barr	" Major Parr
" J. Hamilton	" Capt Towns

Transactions.—Master Lodge opend, when Bros Farrell and Fisher were Install'd & Qualified in their different appointments. viz:—Bro Farrell Senior Warden—Bro A. Fisher Junr Warden.

Bro John Leamey is admitted to the third degree as Master Mason.—Masters Lodge Closed F. C. opened when Bro E. Evans have taken the Second step as fellowcraft.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Demands of Matthew Shaw on account of the Lodge agreeable to the scale of Depression.

Ordered that, the sum of £ 15—0—0 be advanced by the Treasurer for printing 1000 Copys of the Books of Constitution.[2]

A petition was received from Wm Malohon to become a member & desired to lay on the minutes agreeable to the By Laws.—

Closed in Harmony 11 O Clock.

[2] Ahiman Rezon.

Wednesday, October 10, 5781.—Adjourned Lodge Opened in Dueform—

Worshipful Charles Young Esqr in the Chair—

Members present—Bros. Farrell—Smith—Evans—Bartram—Dick—Dean

Visitor General Varnum—

Transactions.—Mr Wm Molohon having already petition'd the Lodge, and being warmly Represented as a Gentleman of unblemis'd Character is now balleted for and unanimously approved of

Mr Molohon agreeable to the Above Character is now Initiated in the first step of Masonry as fellow Apprentice & Returned Thanks, and paid in part his Initiating fees £ 2—5—0

An E. A. Lecture was given by the Worshipfull—

Closed in Harmony

Tuesday, November 13, 5781.—Stated Lodge in due form—

Worshipfull Charles Young in the Chair

present 15 members—3. Visitors.

Transactions.—Petitions were received from Mr Thomas Wylie and Mr Wm Banks—Ordered to ly on the Minutes.

A petition being handed in, in favor of Jacob Normus as a destres'd Brother, and from the character he appears to bear, and Recomendatition from the members of the Grand Lodge, the Brethren present voluntary, gave their Donation of 20 Dollars toward his Relief.

Masters Lodge opened, when Bros E. Evans have taken the step of a Sublime Degree as Master Mason.

Masters Lodge & Fellow Crafts open'd when Bro Malohan have taken the Second step & Returned Thanks.

Bros Evans and Gostelowe are appointed to enquire into the Character of Messrs. Wylie and Bros Fisher & Kilpatrick the Character of Mr Banks.

Bros Rutherford & Wm Fisher are appointed to attend the Settlement of the books.

The W. M Bro Young have engaged to wait on Bro Dunlap with request to his Charge of printing 1000 Notices for this Lodge.

Closed in Harmony past 10 O'Clock—

Tuesday, December 11, 5781.—Stated Lodge Open'd in Dueform—

Worshipfull Charles Young in the Chair—

Members present

Bro Jno Harrison	Bro H. Cortes
" Jno Jarvis	" W. Molohon
" P. Farrall	" J. Gostelowe
" J. McCartney	" R. Wister
" T. Rice	" Jas Fallon
" A. Rutherford	" J. Bartram
" R. Mathew	" Ed Evans
" J. Fisher	" T. Proctor

Visitors—Bros Gibs—Young — Conner — McCready — Nogle — Braddell—Jos. Howell—Josh^a Howell—Rodgers—Coleman—Beaty—Shippen—Brogden—Hopes—Cersides.

Transactions.—Petitions of Mess Wiley and Banks being reported favorably were balloted for and approved.

The W. M. reports that he had spoke to Mr Dunlap respecting his charge for the Notices, and that the same should be reduced to £ 3—0—0.

A Committe having been appointed to Revise the old By-Laws of this Lodge and by the authority invisted in them, they were impower'd to make such ammend'ts as they should think proper which they have very carefully comply'd with, and has laid the same now before the Lodge, in a new sett and was read, but in order that the Bretheren shoul'd have a full Explanation, of the whole it was agreed that each paragraph shou'd be read seperately for their satisfaction which was accordingly done, and unanimously approved of, also with the Thanks of the Lodge for their care, assiduity and punctuality in so doing as Compleating such a sett of new Laws, that it is to be hop'd that every brother will pay the greatest attention to.

[The manuscript copy of these by-laws is in the archive of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; they were never published.]

The Election of officers now came on, when the following Brethren were chosen for the ensuing six months: viz

Bro	Charles Young	Master
"	Farrell	Senior Warden
"	Jer^a Fisher	Junior Warden
"	Gostelowe	Senior Deacon
"	Dick	Junior Deacon
"	Fallon	Secretary

Bro Wm Smith jun. Treasurer
" Skinner } Stewards.
" Jarvis }

Lodge closed in Harmony past 10 O Clock.

The original tally sheet of this election was found between the pages of the old minute book where it had lain undisturbed for over a century and a quarter and is here reproduced in facsimile.

St. John's Day, December 27, 5781.—Members present.

Worshipfull Charles Young in the Chair

Bro A. Rutherford	Bro. Whitehead
" J Skinner	" J Hutchinson
" J Fisher	" Humphreys
" T. Price	" R. Wister
" J. Jarvis	" Wm Molohon
" R. Mullen	" Wm Smith Jr

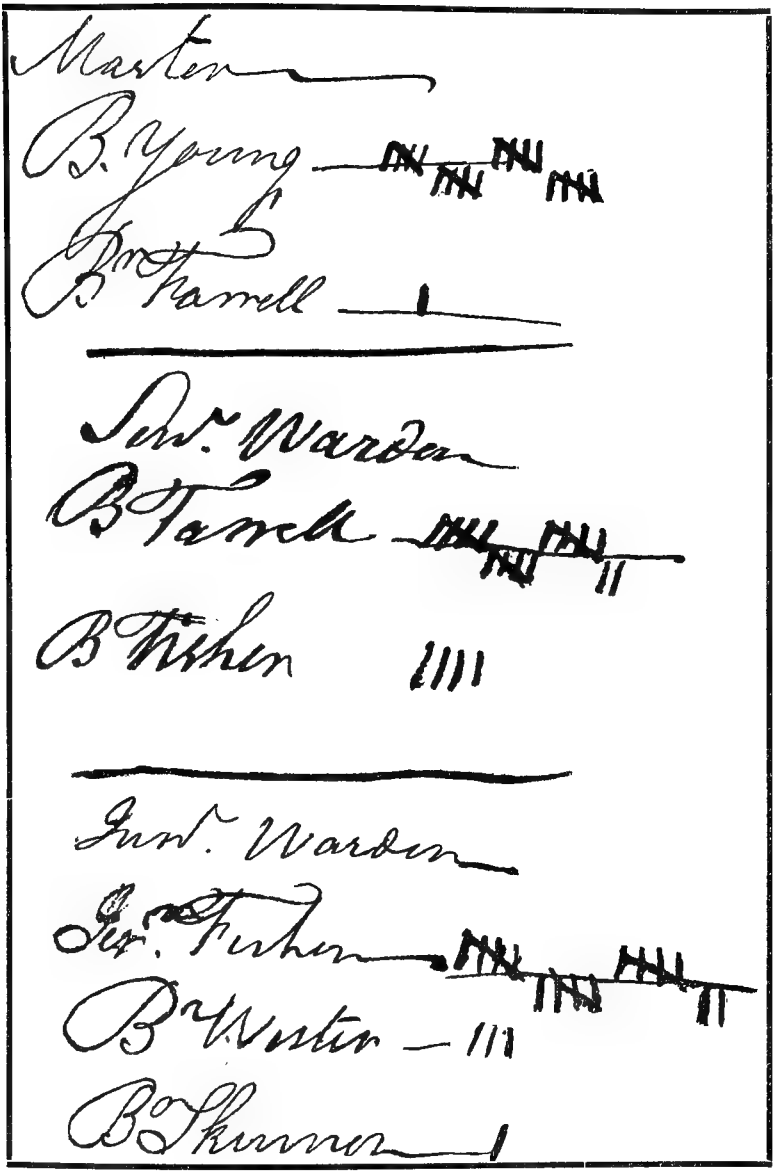
Visiting Brethren

Bro Wm Adcock	Bro Dr Adams
" Mr. Boyle	" Humphreys
" Wm Conner	" Sckyhawke
" Mr Ord	

The Lodge being opened in form when the following Brethren were Installed and qualified to their different appointments, viz:—Bro Young Master—Bro J. Fisher Junior Warden—Bro Fallon Secretary.

The Brethren then adjourned to Bro Jarvis' at the sign of the "George"[3] where a Dinner was prepared and enjoyed the day in the greatest Harmony.

[3] The "George" inn at southwest corner of Arch and Second streets. A part of this old inn is still standing at present writing, June, 1908.



Fac-Simile of Original Tally Sheet of the Election of Officers, Dec. 11, 1781.

The second minute book of Lodge No. 2 here ends abruptly with following note:

The Transactions of the two last Lodges are transcribed into a new book, for the year 1782, in which the Bye-Laws of No 2 (as newly revised, amended, and adopted) are fully inserted

In the back of the book is the following list of Initiations covering the period from January, 1773, to December, 1781.

AN INDEX MENTIONING ON WHAT PAGES OF THIS BOOK ARE RECORDED THE APPLICATIONS OF PERSONS TO BECOME MEMBERS, THEIR BEING ENTERED ETC

LIST OF INITIATIONS FROM JANUARY, 1773, TO DECEMBER, 1781.

3 Jacob Bankson
5 B^r Alexander McKachen
5 Bro. Wollore Ming
7 Allen Moore
8 Bro. John Galloway
8 Bro. Peter Clinch
8 James Wilkinson
10 John Carson
10 Walter Cole
10 Patrick Galt
14 Benjamin McVeaugh
17 Horner
18 Capt Thomas Bell
22 Arthur Hodge
22 John Bache
23 Samuel Scott Boore
23 Robert Cross
24 Jeremiah Battally Bruce
24 Edward Hawkins
24 John Ross
27 John
29 James Willing
30 Christian Huck
30 Isaac Melcher
31 Levin Irwing
31 John Shaffer
31 Rudolph Bonner
35 Joshua Hills
36 Lambert Weeks
36 James Anderson
37 Luke Matthewman
37 James McClure
38 Andrew Porter
38 John Church
38 Phineas Bond
39 Thomas Pitt
40 William Fisher
40 Edward Evans
41 John Parks
41 William Molliston
42 Greenway
42 King
46 Thomas Jones
46 Isaac Coxe
46 William Lawrence
51 Whitehead Humphreys

51 George Noarth
51 John Redman
51 John Taylor
51 Archibald Dick
51 John Vanderin
51 B^r Samuel McKenzie
51 Jonathan Gostelowe
51 Adam Melcher
51 Joseph Howe Ellis
51 Robert Mullan
53 Brother Allen McLane
54 Thomas Huston
54 Evan Edwards
54 Oneas Williams
54 William C. Bradford
56 Brother John Parke
56 William West
56 William Morgan
56 Benjamin Davis Junr.
56 James Reynolds
56 David Lennox
56 Isaac Budd Dunn
59 Enoch Edwards
59 Jacob Morris
59 Robert Campbell
60 Thomas Hogg
60 Jeremiah Jackson
63 Charles Craig
63 Stephen Paschall
63 Daniel Brodhead
63 James Hutchinson
67 William Williams
67 William Butler
67 Richard Wistar
67 Oneas Williams (2^d. time)
68 Charles Young
68 Thomas Clarkson
68 Joseph Davis
70 Brother Doct^r. Kendall
71 Thomas Hartley
71 Thomas Smith
71 Henry Miller
71 Lawrence Keene
71 Francis Nicholls
71 George A. Baker
77 Reynold Keene
77 Morgan
77 John Harrisson
77 Joseph McCullough
79 Richard Butler
79 John Whitehead
80 Robert Roberts
80 Patrick O'Flinn
81 Edward Giles
83 Charles Lukens
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85 George Tuder
90 Jeremiah Fisher
90 Martin Pendergast
90 Abraham Roberts
92 Edward Leger
95 Joseph Price
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97 William McKean
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101 James Jordan
101 James Leddon
101 James Bradford
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102 Bro^r. Valentine Peyton
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106 Edward Duff
107 Brother John Steward
107 William Bright
107 Thomas D. Smith
110 B^r. Alex^r. T. Ogilvie
111 Andrew Allen
113 Brother Patrick O'Ferrall
113 Hugh McCormick
113 Peter Day
117 George Clarke Sommerville

117 Charles Jones
119 Brother John Angus
119 Josiah Robinson
119 John King
120 John Field
120 Thomas Rice
122 William McElhatton
122 John McCartney
122 Jeremiah Fox
122 John Jervis
123 James Skinner
125 Stephen Gregory
125 Herman Courter
125 Hendrick Fisher
126 John Earl
126 Jacob DeHart
128 William Moore Smith
129 Brother Francis Johnson
129 Joseph Falconer
131 Henry Hilton
130 John Rice
134 Frederick Paschke
135 Joseph Irwin
135 William Kilpatrick
137 Norton Bransford
137 Thomas Tilliere
137 William Ross
139 Christopher Irwin
139 John Leamey
140 Henry Bedken
142 William Shertliff
141 John R. Egan
141 James Weems
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146 George Boss
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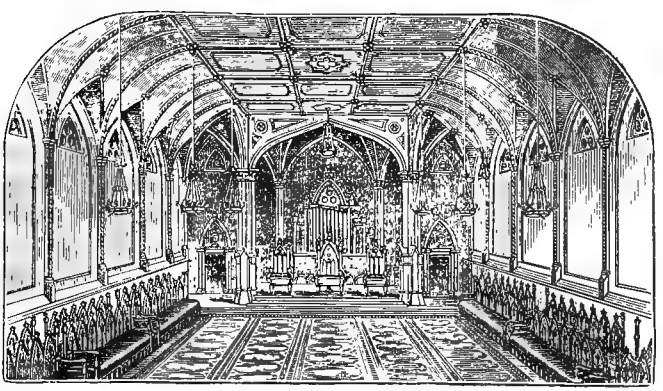
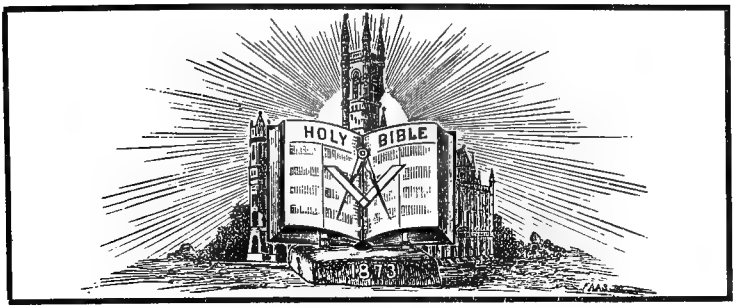




APPENDIX

The following copy of the deputation to Daniel Coxe is certified to be correct by the Grand Secretary of England, and is copied from the original records on file in this office.

Copy of the Deputation to Daniel Cox, Esquire, to be Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, in America.

Sic Subscribitur.

[L.S.] NORFOLK, *G.·.M.·.*

TO ALL and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving Brethren now residing or who may hereafter reside in the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Pensilvania, His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, Earl of Arundel, Surrey, Norfolk and Norwich, Baron Mowbray, Howard Segrave, Brewse of Gower, Fitz Allan Warren, Clan Oswald, estre Maltraverse, Greystock, Furnival Verdon, Lovelot, Strango of Blackmere, and Howard of Castle Rising, after the Princes of the Royal Blood,

First Duke Earl and Baron of England, Chief of the illustrious family of the Howards, Grand Master of the free and accepted Masons of England,

Sendeth Greeting:

Whereas application has been made unto us by our Rt. Worshipful and well beloved Brother, Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, Esqr., and by several other Brethren, free and accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, that we would be pleased to nominate and appoint a Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces:

Now, Know Ye, that we have nominated, ordained, constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, ordain, constitute and appoint, our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother the said Daniel Cox, Provincial Grand Master of said Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania with full Power and Authority to nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the space of two years from the feast of St. John the Baptist now next ensuing, after which time it is our Will and Pleasure, and we do hereby ordain that the Brethren who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or any of the said Provinces shall and they are hereby empowered every other year on the feast of St. John the Baptist to elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the power of nominating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens.

And we do hereby empower our said Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being, for us and in our place and stead to constitute the Brethren (free and accepted Masons) now residing or who shall hereafter reside in those

parts into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, and as often as occasion shall require.

He, the said Daniel Cox, and the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being taking special care that all and every member of any Lodge or Lodges so to be constituted have or shall be made regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Meetings, to be kept and observed, and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to him or them by us, or Nath'l Blackerly, Esqr., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being, and that he, the said Daniel Cox, our Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces, and the Principal Grand Master for the time being, or his Deputy, do send to us, or our Deputy Grand Master, and to the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being, annually an account in writing of the number of Lodges so constituted, with the names of the several members of each particular Lodge, together with such other matters and things as he or they shall think fit to be communicated for the prosperity of the Craft.

And lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master for the time being or his Deputy, do annually cause the Brethren to keep the feast of St. John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, or (in case any accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as the Provincial Grand Master for the time being shall judge most fit, as is done here, and at that time more particularly and at all Quarterly Communications he do recommend a General Charity to be established for the Relief of poor Brethren of the said Province.

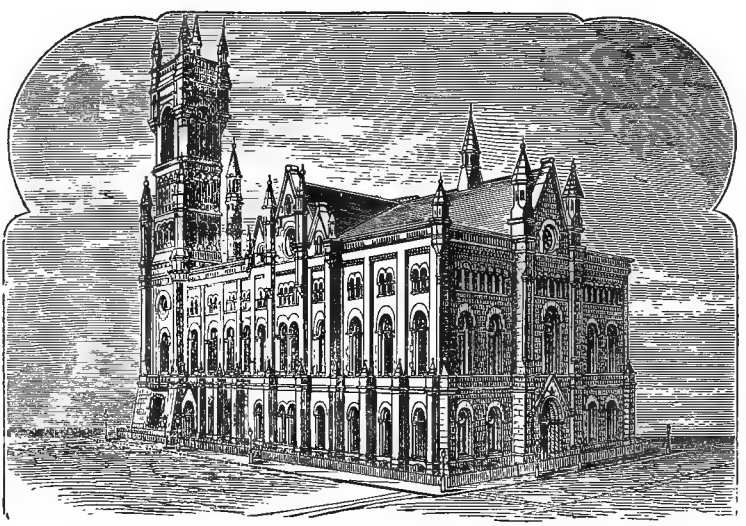
Given under our hand and seal of office at London, this fifth day of June, 1730, and of Masonry 5730.

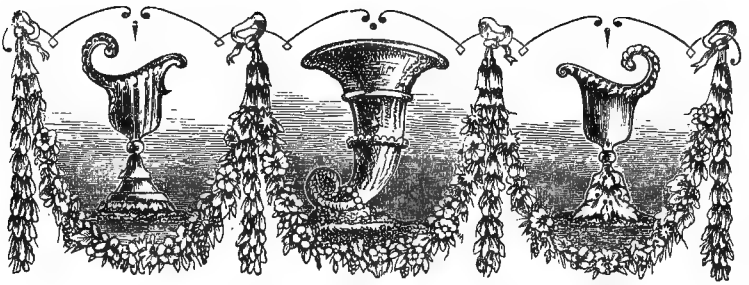
True Copy:

WM. GRAY CLARKE, *G.S.*

Free Masons' Hall, London, April 10, 1863.

[NOTE.—Coxe visited the Grand Lodge of England, January 29, 1731, and was greeted as the Provincial Grand Master of North America.]





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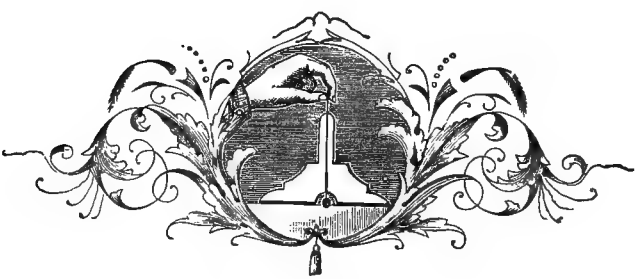

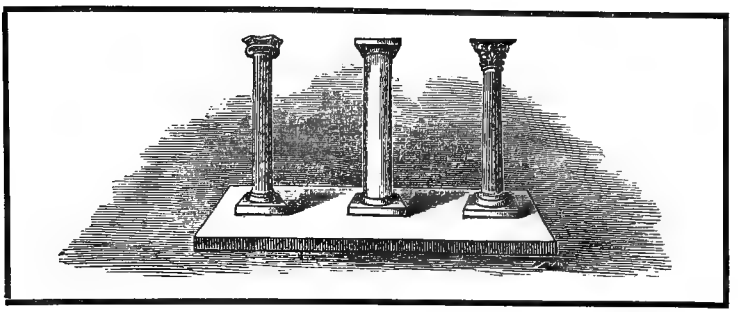

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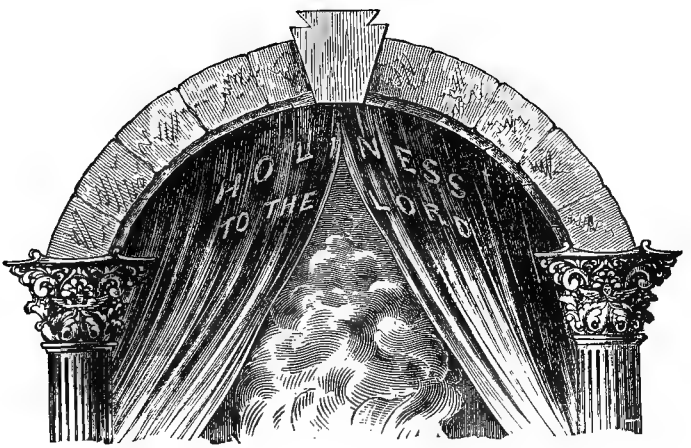
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